

MINUTES

OF THE

EIGHTEENTH SESSION

OF THE

Iowa Annual Conference,

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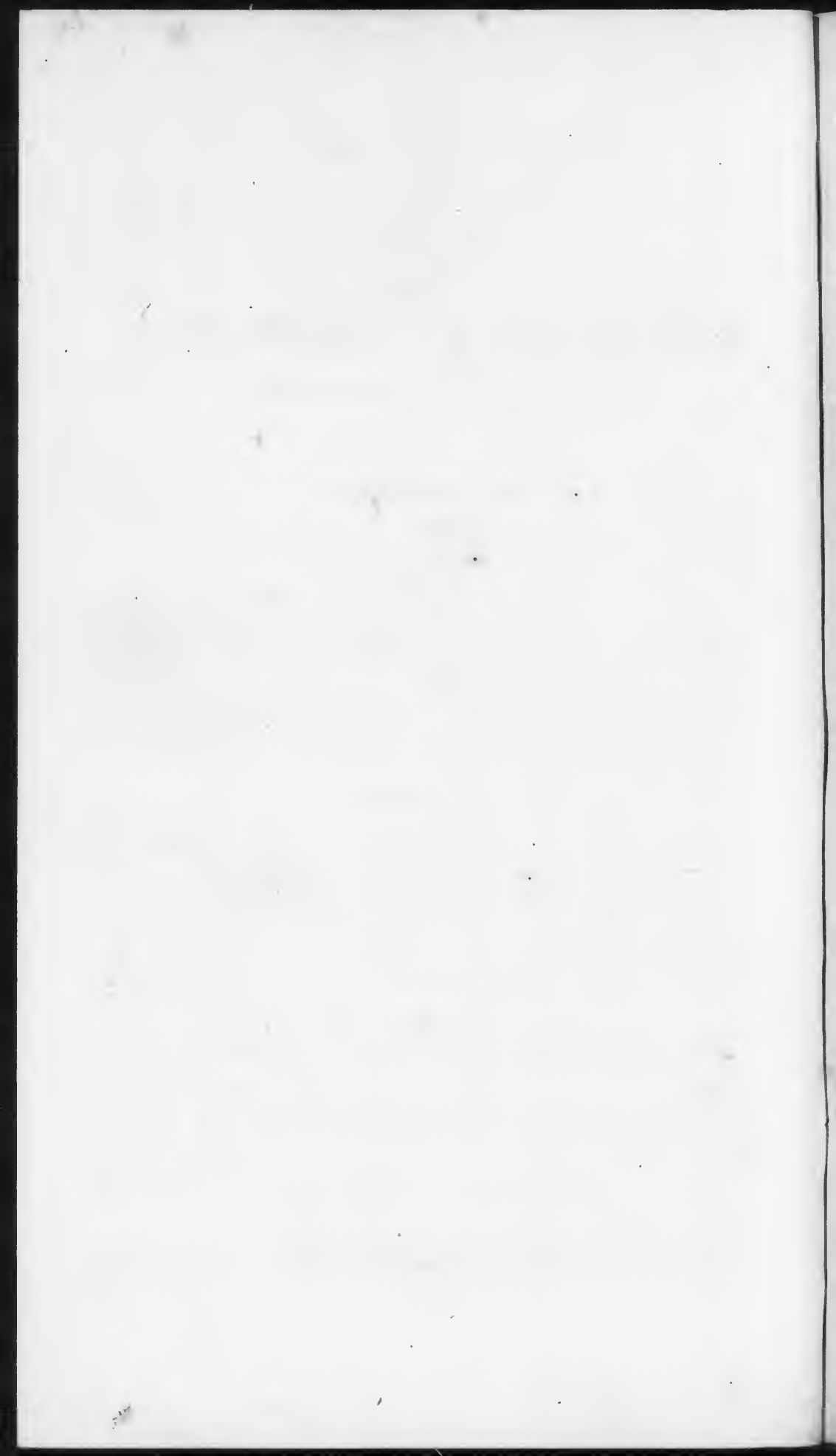
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ORGANIZATION.

FIRST DAY.

WEDNESDAY, August 21st, 1861.

THE Iowa Conference of the M. E. Church, met to hold its Eighteenth Annual Session, in Old Zion M. E. Church, Burlington, Iowa, on Wednesday, August 21st, 1861, at 8 o'clock, A. M.; Rev. Bishop SCOTT presiding.

The Bishop opened the Session by reading selections from the Third and Fourth Chapters of Second Corinthians, and announcing the Hymn commencing—

“Except the Lord conduct the plan.”

After the singing Drs. C. Elliott and J. H. Power offered prayer.

The Roll of the Conference was then called by E. H. Waring, and sixty-three members answered to their names.

E. H. WARING was elected Secretary; E. L. BRIGGS Assistant Secretary; JAMES HAYNES Recording Secretary, and G. N. POWER Statistical Secretary.

The bar of the Conference was then fixed by a line ranging with the inside of the third windows from the west end of the Church.

THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEES WERE APPOINTED:

On Public Worship—G. B. Jocelyn, A. W. Stryker, A. Robinson.

Conference Stewards—Ministers: (one from each district,) J. Gassner, J. H. Power, J. H. McCutchen, J. Hayden, G. W. Byrkit, A. Laubach; Laymen: (one from each district,) E. Mayne, J. B. Abbey, G. Porter, J. P. Grantham, W. A. Nye, E. Fitch.

Bro. Nye, the Lay Steward from Albia District, was introduced to the Conference.

Necessitous Cases—The Conference Stewards.

On Education—(one from each district) P. P. Ingalls, G. B.

Jocelyn, E. H. Waring, W. J. Spaulding, J. B. Hardy, B. Holland. C. Elliott was added to the committee.

On Missions—The Presiding Elders.

On Sunday Schools—(one from each district) G. W. Friend, W. Denmet, F. W. Evans, I. A. Bradrick, R. B. Allender, S. Hestwood.

On Tract Cause—J. Craig, J. W. Latham, B. Mark.

On the Central Christian Advocate—(One from each District,) M. See, A. S. Prather, J. R. Carey, J. Q. Hammond, D. Worthington, M. Carrier.

On Periodicals—J. Darrah, L. A. Smith, S. F. C. Garrison.

On New York Book Accounts—J. Burgess.

On Post Offices—H. W. Thomas, C. Morey, C. W. Shaw.

On Bible Cause—J. B. Hardy, P. F. Bresee, W. Simpson, T. Audas, H. Crellin.

On Temperance—P. F. Holtzinger, O. C. Shelton, A. Orr, G. W. Bamford, E. T. Coiner.

On the State of the Country—(One from each District,) C. Elliott, J. Craig, J. H. Power, F. W. Evans, G. H. Clark, G. Clammer.

On Raising means for Publication of the Minutes—P. P. Ingalls, J. G. Thompson, C. P. Reynolds, J. Darrah, A. W. Johnson, I. I. Stewart.

On the State of the Church—T. D. Boyles, W. Simpson, J. B. Hill, J. McDowell, J. B. Hardy, I. P. Teter.

On Revision of Financial Plan—J. B. Hardy, J. H. Power, David Worthington.

The Bishop stated that the Conference is entitled to draw upon the Chartered Fund for the sum of \$25; and a draft was ordered for the amount, and referred to the Conference Stewards.

It was ordered that the first named person on each Committee be directed to call the Committee together; and that the Committee appoint its own Chairman.

Rev. A. Poe, Book Agent, addressed the Conference respecting the affairs of the Book Concern.

The Exhibit of the New York Book Concern, and the Report of the New York Book Committee were read and filed.

A Circular of the S. S. Union was read and referred to the Committee on Sunday Schools.

A Circular from the Tract Society of the M. E. Church was referred to the Tract Committee.

Revs. J. W. Agard, of the Rock River Conference; J. C. Smith and C. E. Carpenter, of the Missouri Conference; F. T. Daily, of the Vermont Conference; and A. C. Higgins, of the Central Illinois Conference, were severally introduced to the Conference.

The Bishop addressed the Conference respecting the deportment proper for Ministers, in view of the disturbed state of the Country, and especially relating to their Conference duties.

The question, "Who are continued on trial?" was taken up.

James Coats, J. B. Drayer, C. W. Shaw, S. H. Thomas, Harrison Runyon, L. M. Vernon, S. M. Vernon, and W. A. Byrkit, were severally examined as to studies, character, and attention to the Missionary and Educational collections, and continued.

S. Roberts was discontinued at his own request.

The question, "Who are the Deacons?" was taken up.

M. B. Wayman and D. Murphy were examined as to studies and characters, and attention to the Missionary and Educational collection, and passed. J. H. Hopkins was represented by his Presiding Elder and his character passed.

The Committee of the Fourth Year, not being ready to report, was instructed to complete the examination of the Class.

The question, "Who are the Superannuated or worn out Preachers?" was taken up.

R. Mulholland was called; and it was stated that he had received an appointment from the California Conference. In the absence of official information, his relation was continued; and the Secretary instructed to ascertain from the California Conference, his relation to that body, and report the same at the next session of this Conference. N. Wells was represented, his character passed, and his relation changed to effective. G. W. Teas and L. C. Woodford, were represented and their characters passed. H. Gibson and A. Bussey, were represented, their character passed, and their relations continued. The case of J. W. Maxon was laid over.

Revs. H. Summers, of the Central Illinois Conference, and J. M. Winkler, of Upper Iowa Conference, were introduced to the Conference.

The examination of Effective Elders was taken up.

L. T. Rowley made a statement of the Keokuk District, was represented by the Preachers of his District, and his character passed. M. Miller, P. P. Ingalls, T. D. Boyles, J. Gassner, G. W. Friend, J. Craig and M. See, were severally examined as to collections, represented and their characters passed. The cases of F. H. Carey and S. S. Gruber were laid over.

The notices were then given, and the Session closed with the Benediction by Rev. A. Poe.

SECOND DAY.

THURSDAY, August 22d, 1861.

The Conference met at the appointed hour, Bishop Scott in the Chair. Religious Services conducted by Rev. D. Worthington.

J. Harris made an explanation for himself, and other preachers, of the Muscatine District, relative to their unavoidable absence from the Seat of Conference yesterday.

The Roll was called, and 72 members answered to their names. The minutes were read, amended and approved.

Rev. W. L. Harris, D. D., Assistant Corresponding Secretary of

the Missionary Society of the M. E. Church, and Revs. W. Hanley of Missouri Conference, B. Mark, a transfer from the Ohio Conference, and A. J. Kynett, of the Upper Iowa Conference, were severally introduced to the Conference.

James Haynes was added to the Committee on the Financial Plan.

A communication from the officers of the Missionary Society of the M. E. Church was read and referred to a Special Committee, consisting of J. Gassner, J. H. Power, J. H. White, J. T. Simmons, W. Mahon and I. I. Stewart.

The Secretary presented the report of the Committee on the Minutes of 1860; showing a deficiency of \$9,66. In connection bills were presented for the Steward's blanks, of \$7,00; for Stationery, of \$2,30; and for blank return tickets \$1,00; making \$19,96.

A collection was taken of \$13,82; leaving a deficiency of \$6,14 unpaid.

J. H. Power was released from the Board of Stewards and W. Dennet appointed in his place.

Revs. J. H. Rhea, of the M. E. Church, South, who has recently removed to this State, D. H. Hagerty, of the Rock River Conference, W. F. Baird, of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, and J. F. New, of the Missouri Conference, were severally introduced to the Conference.

The examination of Effective Elders was resumed.

A Robinson made a statement of the Burlington District, was represented by his Preachers, and his character passed.

G. B. Jocelyn, A. W. Stryker, J. G. Thompson, O. C. Shelton, W. Simpson, J. H. Power, G. N. Power, W. Dennet, A. C. Barnhart, H. W. Thomas and S. Reynolds, were examined as to attention to the collections, represented, and their characters passed.

J. Harris made a statement of the Muscatine District, was represented by his Preachers, and his character passed.

F. W. Evans, J. T. Simmons, J. Elrod, J. H. McCutchen, E. W. Twining, J. B. Hill and W. C. Shippen were severally examined as to attention to the collections, represented, and their characters passed. F. M. Slusser was represented, his character passed, and he granted a superannuated relation. The case of C. P. Reynolds was laid over.

T. E. Corkhill made a statement of the Mt. Pleasant District, was represented by his Preachers, and his character passed.

I. A. Bradrick, T. Audas, J. Q. Hammond, J. Darrah, E. L. Briggs, J. Hayden, J. Burgess, J. H. White, P. F. Holtzinger, J. McDowell, W. J. Spaulding, C. Elliott and A. J. Kirkpatrick were examined as to attention to collections, represented, and their characters passed. When the name of A. Miller was called, T. E. Corkhill stated that charges against Brother Miller had been lodged in his hands.

W. F. Cowles moved that the case be referred to the P. E. of Mt. Pleasant District for investigation.

J. H. Power moved, as an amendment, that the Conference pass the character of Brother Miller, for the present, subject to an investigation of the charges referred to, by the P. E. of Mt. Pleasant District, and the amendment prevailed.

I. A. Bradrick and W. J. Spaulding offered a resolution respecting the obligation of Preachers to take up collections ordered by the Discipline and the Conference. On motion, it was laid on the table as unnecessary.

The Bishop then called forward the applicants for admission into full connection, and propounded to them the disciplinary questions, accompanying them with appropriate remarks; and they responded satisfactorily. In response to a question, they stated unanimously that they do not use tobacco.

A. C. Williams, W. W. Orris, John Haynes, J. B. Casebeer, B. F. Tallman, John Orr, C. A. Hawn, J. A. Wilson and W. Mahon, were examined as to collections, represented as to studies and character, admitted into full connection, and elected to Deacon's orders. John Welch, already a Deacon, was, after the required examination and representation, admitted into full connection. The case of C. S. Jennis was referred to a Committee of Inquiry, consisting of B. Holland, I. A. Bradrick and R. B. Allender.

J. Craig rose to a question of privilege, but was ruled out of order.

Rev. W. Salter, of the Congregational Church was introduced to the Conference.

The Committee on Post Offices was instructed to furnish a list of the postal addresses of the Preachers of the Conference for publication in the minutes.

The examination of Effective Elders was resumed.

M. H. Hare made a statement of the Albia District, was represented by his Preachers, and his character passed.

J. W. Latham, C. Morey, A. W. Johnson, H. Crellin, J. B. Hardy, James Haynes, D. Worthington, G. W. Bamford, L. A. Smith, G. H. Clark, R. B. Allender and D. T. Sweem were examined as to collections, represented and passed.

W. F. Cowles made a statement of the Oskaloosa District, was represented by his Preachers, and his character passed.

E. H. Waring, I. I. Stewart, A. Laubach, M. Carrier, S. F. C. Garrison, B. Holland, I. P. Teter and S. Hestwood were interrogated respecting collections, represented and passed.

The notices were then given, the Doxology sung, and the Session closed with the Benediction by Rev. W. Simpson.

THIRD DAY.

FRIDAY, August 23d, 1861.

The Conference met at the regular hour, Bishop Scott in the Chair. Religious Services conducted by Rev. B. Holland.

The further call of the Roll was dispensed with.

The minutes of yesterday were read, amended and approved.

The Credentials of Wm. Pierce were presented by L. T. Rowley, and placed on file.

The Committee of Inquiry, in the case of C. S. Jennis, reported that they had found no cause of complaint; and recommended that his character be passed. The report was adopted.

The question, "Who are admitted into full connection?" was resumed; and, after the required examination, Chesley S. Jennis, being an Elder, was admitted into full connection.

C. P. Reynolds was represented, examined as to collections, and his character passed.

Rev. A. Poe addressed the Conference concerning the affairs of the Book Concern.

The Conference then gave place to a meeting of the Board of Corporators, subject to the call of the Chair. At the close of the meeting of the Corporators, the Bishop called the Conference to order.

G. B. Jocelyn stated that the Burlington Zouaves were expected hourly to arrive from the Seat of War, and the Conference resolved that the members, upon the firing of the signal gun, should repair to the levee, and take part in the public reception of the gallant Volunteers.

The question, "Who have been elected and ordained Elders?" was taken up: G. W. Byrkit, G. Clammer, C. G. Milnes, P. F. Bresee, A. Orr, J. R. Carey, A. S. Prather, J. H. Lucas, E. T. Coiner and W. Poston, were represented as to studies and character, examined as to collections, passed, and elected to Elder's orders.

The question, "Who are the superannuated or worn out Preachers?" was resumed.

G. W. Teas was represented, a letter from him read, and he located at his own request. The case of J. W. Maxon was referred to a committee, consisting of B. Holland, I. A. Bradrick and R. B. Allender. L. C. Woodford was represented, made a statement of his case, and was continued.

The report of the committee on the Tract Cause was read and adopted. *See Report.*

J. W. Latham was placed on the Committee on Periodicals in the place of L. A. Smith, who was absent.

The Bishop called for action on the claims of the Conference Beneficiaries. The claims of R. Mulholland and Bro. Ockerman's child, were disallowed. The claims of N. Wells, G. W. Teas, A. Bussey, J. W. Maxon, H. Gibson and Mrs. Clark and children, were withdrawn. The claim of Mrs. Arrington and child, was fixed at \$50; of Mrs. Berry, Mrs. Jamison and Mrs. McClaskey, at \$100 each; and of Mrs. Conrad, at \$50. The estimate of L. C. Woodford's claim was amended, and fixed at \$100. Mrs. Jay's

claim was reported at \$200, which had been paid by the Oskaloosa District.

T. E. Corkhill and D. Worthington were appointed to look after money donated some years since by Dr. Corkhill to the Conference.

The committee to raise means to publish the minutes reported verbally.

E. H. Waring and G. B. Jocelyn were appointed a committee of publication of the minutes.

James Haynes read the report of the Visiting Committee to the I. W. University, which was adopted. *See Report.*

Rev. Mr. Brown, late of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Lexington, Mo., was introduced to the Conference.

The notices were then given, the minutes of the Session read and approved, the Doxology sung, and the session closed with the Benediction by Rev. J. Gassner.

FOURTH DAY.

SATURDAY, August 24th, 1861.

The Conference met at the appointed hour, Bishop Scott in the Chair. Religious Services by J. H. Power.

The Reports of the Western Book Committee, and the Exhibit of the Western Book Concern were read and filed. Rev. A. Poe addressed the Conference respecting the affairs of the Concern.

Rev. R. C. Rowley, of the Central Illinois Conference, was introduced.

A letter from A. Miller was read, asking a superannuated relation. On motion, it was directed that he be left without an appointment, until the result of the investigation in his case be ascertained.

The committee in J. W. Maxon's case reported finding nothing sufficient to arrest the passage of his character, subject to an investigation hereafter. The report was adopted, and his relation continued.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That we will not consent that collections shall be taken up in our charges for the American Bible Society, unless the Agents will give the Pastors a receipt or written statement of the amount received.

The Bishop was requested to fix the time of holding the session of our Conference between the middle of September and the first of October.

Bros. J. P. Grantham and J. R. Abbe, lay Stewards, and Rev. J. T. Coleman, of Upper Iowa Conference, were introduced.

Requests from the Q. Conferences of Asbury Chapel, Mt. Pleasant, and Washington Stations, were presented and read, asking the next Session of the Conference to be held in those places; and Washington was unanimously selected as the seat of the next Conference.

The recommendations of Wm. Brown, from Sugar Creek Q. C.; John B. Abbe, from New London Q. C.; Wm. A. Nye, from Chillicothe Q. C.; Alex. May, from Attica Q. C.; Robt. Juett, from Mt. Pleasant Q. C.; and Hugh Brady, from Rome Q. C.; were read, and they were elected to the office of local Deacons. John Light, recommended by the Sugar Creek Q. C., was elected a local Elder.

The parchments of Henry Kirkpatrick were restored:

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That hereafter, no action prejudicial to any Brother's character, shall be presented at any Session of this Conference, unless a notice has been presented to him previous to the meeting of Conference, or written complaints or charges are presented at the Conference.

The Report of the Committee on Temperance was presented, read, and adopted. *See Report.*

The committee on Necessitous Cases reported as follows:

RECEIPTS:

Collected for Conference Claimants,.....	\$52,74
From Chartered Fund,.....	25,00
Total,.....	<u>\$77,74</u>

DISBURSEMENTS:

To Mrs. Arrington and child,.....	\$ 7,77
“ Berry and child,.....	15,55
“ Jamison and child,.....	15,55
“ M'Claskey,.....	15,55
“ Conrad,.....	7,77
L. C. Woodford,.....	15,55
	<u>\$77,74</u>

The above is 15½ per cent., of the claims.

The report was adopted, and the money distributed.

The Report of the Committee on the State of the Country was read and adopted. *See Report.*

The Report of the Special Committee on the Central Christian Advocate was read and adopted. *See Report.*

The Report of the Committee on Education was read and adopted. *See Report.*

The committee on the Revision of the Financial Plan reported, and it was amended and adopted. *See Report.*

The Report of the Bible Committee was read and adopted. *See Report.*

D. L. Sweem was located at his own request.

The Report of the Committee on Sunday Schools was read and adopted. *See Report.*

N. Wells and F. H. Carey were superannuated.

J. H. Hopkins was granted a location at his own request.

The Report of the Special Committee on Missions was read and adopted. *See Report.*

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Iowa Conference, in view of the embarrassed condition of the Missionary Treasury, decline accepting the appropriation made to this Conference for the ensuing year.

The re-transfer of E. Miller from the Missouri Conference was announced, and his character passed.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That at the time the brethren report the amounts collected for the Missionary Cause and the College, the Chair shall also ask what amount has been collected on Conference claims; and if none, the reason why.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That this Conference receive Elliott Seminary of Burlington, Iowa, according to the terms of the Articles of Incorporation of said Seminary.

The Committee on Periodicals presented their report, which was adopted. *See Report.*

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Presiding Elders, and Preachers-in-Charge of the Charges which may recommend a brother to the Traveling connection, be, and are hereby appointed a Committee to examine him on the Studies directed in the Discipline, for such persons; that the same persons are also appointed to examine all applicants of local Preachers for Deacon's and Elder's orders within their respective charges.

A collection of \$6,22, was taken up to pay the balance of incidental expenses.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That a Committee, of one from each District be appointed to furnish the Secretary, for publication in the Minutes, a Conference Roll, showing the name of each Preacher, the place of his nativity, his present age, the date of his entering the Itinerant Ministry, whether he had a Religious Parental training, and at what age converted. E. T. Coiner, H. W. Thomas, F. W. Evans, T. Audas, G. W. Byrkit and P. F. Bresee, were appointed said Committee.

The minutes were then read, amended, and approved.

The notices were then given, the Doxology sung, and the Benediction pronounced by Rev. A. Robinson.

FIFTH DAY.

MONDAY, August 26th, 1861.

The Conference met at the regular hour, J. H. Power, D. D., by appointment of the Bishop, in the Chair. Religious Services by Rev. A. W. Stryker.

The Bishop's certificate of ordinations was read, and placed on record. *For list see Disciplinary questions.*

A resolution of the East Baltimore Conference, asking concurrence in a resolution, requesting the next General Conference to repeal the Chapter on Slavery, and to suffer the Annual Conferences where Slavery exists, to make such regulations upon the subject, as in their judgment, may best subserve the interests of the Redeemer's Kingdom among them, was, on motion of E. H. Waring, non-concurred in by a vote of 52 to 0.

A resolution of the same Conference, asking concurrence in a call for a Special Session of the General Conference in the fall of 1862, was non-concurred in by a vote of 66 to 0.

W. C. Shippen, G. B. Jocelyn and W. Simpson were appointed to dispose of certain goods donated to the Missionary Society through Bro. Shippen.

The Steward's Report was read, corrected, and adopted. *See Table No. I.*

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That during the coming Conference year, we will use our utmost endeavors to raise the sum of six cents, per member, in our several charges, for the support of the superannuated preachers, widows, and orphans of the Conference; which will amount in the aggregate to the sum of \$1,080.

The Report of the Statistical Secretary was presented, the aggregate read, and the report adopted. *See Table No. II.*

The Report of the Treasurer of the Conference Missionary Society was received. *See Report.*

The Committee of Publication was authorized to draw on the Treasurer of the Conference Missionary Society, for the amount necessary to pay for publishing Missionary matter in the Conference minutes.

The Presiding Elders were appointed to receive and distribute the quota of Minutes to their several Districts, and to collect the unpaid subscriptions, and forward the same to G. B. Jocelyn.

A notice of the preaching the Conference Missionary Sermon, by Rev. J. B. Hardy was ordered to be made.

Rev. Joseph Brooks, of the Missouri Conference, was introduced.

J. Gassner and J. B. Hardy offered the following, and it was adopted:

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Conference that an earnest effort be made in each pastoral charge to carry out the provisions of the Discipline on the subject of Missions.

J. H. Power and W. Simpson offered the following:

Resolved, That the Preachers be requested to report their Missionary Collections on the first day of the Session of Conference; and that each Preacher be required to report at the same time the number of members in his charge, who have contributed any sum to the Missionary cause, and the number who have not contributed anything to the cause. Adopted.

Rev. A. Poe stated that the claims of the Book Agent upon this Conference, this year, amounted to.....\$10,509 00

Collections,..... 4,189 23

Deficiency,..... \$6,319 77

The collections were only about 40 per cent of the claims.

It was resolved, as the order of Conference, that the Preachers hereafter hand in their statistics on the first day of the Conference.

Resolutions of welcome to Bishop Scott, and W. L. Harris, D. D., Assistant Secretary of the Missionary Society; and of thanks

to the Western Stage Company, the Superintendents of the Burlington and Missouri River; the Keokuk, Mount Pleasant and Muscatine; the Keokuk, Fort Des Moines and Minnesota; and the Mississippi and Missouri River Rail Roads; and to the Captains of the Steamers Kate Cassell, Clara Hine, and Canada, were offered and adopted by rising votes.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That every member of this Conference be instructed to present, to the best of his ability, in each congregation of his work, the condition of the Iowa Wesleyan University, as early as practicable, and take up a collection therein to assist in defraying the current expenses of the University, for the collegiate year, 1861-62; and that he raise, if possible, an amount equal to an average of ten cents on the membership of his charge, and that he pay the amount collected to the Treasurer or Agent of the University: *Provided*, that, should he fail, after his best effort to collect such average, he will not be held personally responsible for the amount.

The Report of the Secretary of the Conference Missionary Society was presented. *See Report.*

G. B. Jocelyn was appointed to convey the thanks of the Conference to C. Dunham, for printing slips of the appointments for the Preachers, free of charge.

The minutes of the Session were read and approved.

The Conference adjourned to meet at 2 P. M., Rev. G. B. Jocelyn pronouncing the Benediction.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Conference met at the appointed hour, Bishop Scott in the Chair. Religious Services by Rev. W. Simpson.

A resolution of thanks to the citizens of Burlington and vicinity, for their hospitality, was adopted by a rising vote.

The Committee appointed last year to memorialize the Legislature of the State respecting a State Reform School, for Juvenile delinquents, was continued.

The Committee appointed last year on Bro. Ruble's monument, was continued, and James Putnam, of Burlington, added to the Committee.

Dr. Elliott was requested to furnish a copy of the memoir of Rev. I. McClasky, as printed in the *Central Advocate*, for publication in the Minutes; and the Book Agents were requested to publish the memoir in the General Minutes for 1861.

The Committee on the State of the Church explained the absence of a report, and was excused.

The Minutes of the Session, and the Minutes as a whole, were approved.

The Conference and congregation then united in the celebration of the Lord's Supper. At its close the Bishop addressed the Conference, referring especially to the unbroken harmony of the Session.

The appointments of the Preachers for the ensuing year, were then announced by the Bishop, after which, a motion for final

adjournment prevailed, and the Session closed with singing the Doxology, and the Benediction by the Bishop.

L. SCOTT, PRESIDENT.

Attest: E. H. WARING, Secretary.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

1. *What Preachers are admitted on trial?*—Ans. None.
2. *Who remain on trial?*—Ans. J. Coats, J. B. Drayer, C. W. Shaw, S. H. Thomas, H. Runyon, L. M. Vernon, S. M. Vernon, W. A. Byrkit—8.
3. *Who are admitted into full connection?*—Ans. A. C. Williams, W. Orris, John Haynes, J. B. Casebeer, B. F. Tallman, John Orr, John Welch, Charles A. Hawn, J. A. Wilson, W. Mahon, C. S. Jennis, (an Elder,)—11.
4. *Who are the Deacons?*—Ans. M. B. Wayman, D. Murphy, E. Miller—3. *Admitted a Deacon;* J. Welch—1. *Ordained this year;* A. C. Williams, W. W. Orris, John Haynes, J. B. Casebeer, B. F. Tallman, John Orr, C. A. Hawn, J. A. Wilson, W. Mahon—9. *Local Preachers ordained Deacons;* Wm. Brown, John B. Abbe, Wm. A. Nye, Robt. Juett, Hugh Brady—5.
5. *Who have been elected and ordained Elders this year?*—Ans. G. W. Byrkit, G. Clammer, C. G. Milnes, P. F. Bresee, A. Orr, J. R. Carey, A. S. Prather, J. H. Lucas, E. T. Coiner, W. Poston—10. *Local Preacher ordained Elder;* John Light.
6. *Who have located this year?*—Ans. G. W. Teas, D. T. Sweem, J. H. Hopkins—3.
7. *Who are the Superannuated or worn out Preachers?*—Ans. R. Mulholland, H. Gibson, A. Bussey, F. M. Slusser, N. Wells, F. H. Carey, J. W. Maxon, L. C. Woodford—8.
8. *Who have been expelled from the connection this year?*—Ans. None.
9. *Who have withdrawn from the connection this year?*—Ans. None.
10. *Are all the Preachers blameless in life and conversation?*—Ans. This was carefully attended to by calling over their names before the Conference.
11. *Who have died this year?*—Ans. None.
12. *What is the number of church members, &c.?*—Ans. 19,106. *See Table, No. II.*
13. *What amounts are necessary for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers, and to make up the deficiencies of those who have not obtained their regular allowance on the circuits?*

Ans. For Superannuates, widows and orphans,.....\$ 700 00
 To make up deficiencies on the circuits,..... 9,568 55

[For Details, see Steward's Report.] Total, \$10,268,55

14. *What has been collected on the foregoing accounts, and how has it been applied?*

Ans. From Conference collections,.....\$252 74
 " Chartered Fund,..... 25 00

Total.....\$277 74

Paid to Superannuates, widows and orphans.

For details see Report of Committee on Necessitous Cases, (page 10, of the minutes.)

Where are the Preachers stationed this year?

APPOINTMENTS.

N. B.—Elders in *italics*; Deacons in SMALL CAPS.

KEOKUK DISTRICT—*L. T. Rowley*, P. E.

Chatham Square, *J. B. Hardy*.
 Exchange Street, *Charles G. Milnes*.
 Keokuk Circuit, *M. See*.
 Farmington, *A. W. Johnson*.
 Bentonsport, *S. S. Gruber*.
 Winchester, *J. Hayden*.

Birmingham, *J. Gassner*.
 Libertyville, C. A. HAWN.
 Keosauqua, L. M. Vernon.
 Troy, *G. W. Friend*.
 Lebanon, *John Haynes*.
 Vernon, *M. Miller*.

BURLINGTON DISTRICT—*A. Robinson*, P. E.

Old Zion, *P. P. Ingalls*.
 Ebenezer, E. MILLER.
 Burlington Circuit, *J. H. Power*, B. F. TALLMAN.
 Fort Madison, A. C. WILLIAMS.
 West Point and Denmark, *J. G. Thompson*.
 Salem, *O. C. Shelton*.

New London, *A. W. Stryker*.
 Dodgeville, *A. S. Prather*.
 Kossuth, *W. Dennet*.
 Wapello, D. MURPHY.
 Grandview, *G. N. Power*.

H. W. Thomas, Chaplain of the Iowa State Prison and member of the Ft. Madison Q. C.
S. Reynolds, Agent A. B. Society and member of Ebenezer Quarterly Conference.

MUSCATINE DISTRICT—*J. Harris*, P. E.

Muscatine, *F. W. Evans*.
 Muscatine Circuit, *C. P. Reynolds*.
 Blue Grass and Oak Dale, *W. Poston*, W. W. ORRIS.
 West Liberty, *J. H. McCutchen*, *J. Craig*.
 Richmond, *J. B. Hill*, J. B. CASEBEER.
 Washington, *B. Mark*.

Lexington, *G. W. Bamford*.
 Bethel, *E. W. Twining*.
 North Liberty, *J. R. Carey*.
 Ainsworth, S. H. Thomas.
 Talleyrand, *E. T. Coiner*.
 Marengo, *J. T. Simmons*, J. A. WILSON.
 Millersburg and Dresden, *J. Elrod*, J. Coats.

MT. PLEASANT DISTRICT—*T. E. Corkhill*, P. E.

Ashbury, *I. A. Bradrick*.
 University charge, to be supplied.
 Mount Pleasant Circuit, *J. Q. Hammond*, D. WORTHINGTON.
 Marshall, *J. H. White*.
 Crawfordsville, *P. F. Holsinger*, J. ORR.
 Rome, S. M. Vernon.

Glasgow, *J. Darrah*, *J. McDowell*.
 Brighton, *J. Burgess*.
 Fairfield, *E. L. Briggs*.
 Brookville, J. B. Drayer.
 Agency City, *Wm. Simpson*.
 Martinsburg, H. Runyon.

C. Elliott, Editor of the Central Christian Advocate, and member of the Quarterly Conference of the University Charge.

G. B. Jocelyn, President, and *A. J. Kirkpatrick*, Agent, of the Iowa Wesleyan University, and members of the Quarterly Conference of the University Charge.

ALBIA DISTRICT—*M. H. Hare*, P. E.

Albia, *James Haynes*.
 Centreville, *C. Morey*.

Drakesville, *W. C. Shippen*.
 Bloomfield, *T. Audas*.

Belle Air, *T. D. Boyles.*Unionville, *H. Crellin.*Blakesburg, *W. MAHON.*Chillicothe, *W. A. Byrkit.*Hamilton, *L. A. Smith.**J. W. Latham*, Chaplain to the 1st Regiment of Iowa Cavalry, United States Army, member of Albia Quartely Conference.Bloomfield Circuit, *M. B. WAYMAN.*Ottumwa, *W. J. Spaulding.*Attica, *G. W. Byrkit.*Knoxville, *R. B. Allender.*Melrose, *Abner Orr.*OSKALOOSA DISTRICT—*W. F. Cowles, P. E.*Oskaloosa, *E. H. Waring.*Pella, *A. C. Barnhart.*Monroe, *C. W. Shaw.*Red Rock, *S. F. C. Garrison.*East Des Moines, *J. H. Lucas.*Rising Sun, *M. Carrier.*Greencastle, *G. Clammer.*Newton, *S. Hestwood.*Galesburg, *P. F. Bresee.*Peoria, *J. Welch.*Grinnell, *C. S. Jennis.*Montezuma, *A. Laubach.*Sigourney, *I. P. Teter.*Indianapolis, *I. I. Stewart.*Fremont, *G. H. Clark.*Eddyville, *B. Holland.*

16. *Where and when shall our next Conference be held?* Ans.
 Washington. Time not given.

SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEES.

Rev. P. P. INGALLS, Chairman and Vice President of Sunday School Union.

DISTRICT.	Ministers.	Post Office address.	Layman.	Post Office address.
Keokuk,	J. B. Hardy,	Keokuk.	E. Mayne,	Keosauqua.
Burlington,	J. H. Power,	Middletown.	U. Foster.	Burlington.
Muscatine,	E. W. Twining,	Washington.	Dr. Goodnoe.	Muscatine.
Mount Pleasant,	I. A. Bradrick,	Mount Pleasant.	D. Mendenhall,	Fairfield.
Albia,	James Haynes,	Albia.	C. G. Brobst,	Knoxville.
Oskaloosa,	S. Hestwood,	Newton.	J. R. Needham,	Oskaloosa.

COMMITTEES OF EXAMINATION FOR 1862.

1st Year—*E. L. Briggs, G. H. Clark, J. Burgess.*2d Year—*W. J. Spaulding, G. W. Byrkit, F. W. Evans.*3d Year—*O. C. Shelton, H. Crellin, I. P. Teter.*4th Year—*B. Holland, T. Audas, B. Mark.*

To Preach the Missionary Sermon; P. P. Ingalls. Alternate;
James Haynes.

VISITORS TO THE I. W. UNIVERSITY.

W. Dennet, T. Audas, S. Hestwood, W. J. Spaulding, A. W. Stryker, E. H. Waring, A. C. Williams, E. W. Twining, J. Darrah.

REPORTS AND RESOLUTIONS.

I. ON THE TRACT CAUSE.

Resolved, 1st. That we will use our utmost endeavors to raise Tract collections in our respective charges, during the month of March, 1862.

2d. That we will labor to extend the circulation of our Tract publications, and especially that of the "Good News."

3d. That we will endeavor, by all practicable means to supply with tracts, our soldiers who may be encamped within the bounds of our Annual Conference. Signed by the Committee.

II. OF VISITORS OF I. W. UNIVERSITY.

The Visitors of the I. W. University are pleased in being able to present to the Iowa Conference and to whomsoever it may concern, the following report:—

1. The experience of the past in the management of this Institution has taught those who have anything to do with its conduct that *system* must be inaugurated in all the departments; and especially in the financial and book-keeping; and we are gratified to state that a most healthful reform is being undergone at the present, and the Trustees, we think, are laboring to promote these ends.

2. During the past year the panic and crisis have, as might have been expected, interrupted the School's enlarging. The volunteering of some of the students to go to war, and the highly-wrought complaints of "hard times;" all have contributed to embarrass the School, and clog the arteries through which the moneyed stimulus comes to the relief of the University. But, though these have leagued, threatening its suspension, it has gone through the year; almost surprising its friends as to the results that have been attained, both as respects the literary and financial departments.

3. The Agent's report is in some respects flattering; and if the makers of subscriptions and notes do not become bankrupt, and real estate grow valueless, the time is coming when, through the faithful efforts of the Agent and friends of the University, the Institution will be relieved from indebtedness. We imploringly call upon all of its patrons and the Methodist public of Iowa, generally, to give it a share, not only of their good-will, but of their moneyed means.

4. Some of us were present at the examination of nearly all the

classes, and are prepared to state that we think there never have been greater signs of proficiency in the College classes since the organization, than at the present. We are persuaded that the practice of instruction is yearly being perfected, and now comes to be very similar to that of the best conducted Colleges in the East. Our opinion is, a large share of the Students possess rare intellectual endowments; and, in this direction, there is a perceptible improvement.

5. We endeavored to be present at all the meetings of the Board of Trustees, as also to attend the different Exhibitions of the Literary Societies and the Alumni, and Commencement Exercises, and throughout we were pleased with the proceedings, and are gratified to state to you that we flatter ourselves in the entertainment of the opinion that, if there be kept a well organized Board of Instruction, and the financial affairs of the University are straightened up, the future has a cloudless sky.

6. The graduating class, numbering five, did itself credit, both in examination and upon the platform.

O. C. SHELTON, Chairman.

JAMES HAYNES, Secretary.

III. ON TEMPERANCE.

Resolved, 1st. That, as a Conference, we will continue to bear unequivocal testimony against this great evil, in all its aspects; whether in the manufacture of spirituous liquors, or by aiding the business in selling grain for such a purpose, vending or drinking them as a beverage.

2d. That we have heard with pleasure, that the officers of our army, have, in some cases, at least, refused the use of intoxicating drinks to the soldiers.

3d. That we will preach to our people, whenever the nature of the case requires it, on the subject of Temperance; advocating prohibitory laws on the subject, and the election of Temperance men to all civil offices.

4th. That on the second evening of our next Conference, we will hold a general Temperance meeting, for the purpose of stating to what extent intemperance prevails, in the bounds of our respective fields of labor, and what we have done to suppress the same.

P. F. HOLTZINGER, Chairman.

E. T. COINER, Secretary.

IV. ON THE STATE OF THE COUNTRY.

The Committee to whom was referred the subject of our present National Affairs ask leave to report:

While we disavow mere partizan measures in the matter of po-

litical parties; as loyal Christians and Christian Ministers, we must adhere to the well established maxim, that what is morally wrong cannot be politically right; and we believe few errors are more dangerous than that which teaches, that because a question is a political or civil one, that its moral character is unassailable, because it is placed in the list of political topics.

We lament to find that political policy is now used, to a considerable extent, to overlook the moral characteristics of National affairs. From this position it is easy to pass over to the next step of ignoring the moral character of those whom we choose for the public service of the country. After this, the moral distinctions of right and wrong in common practice, are also overlooked. The Almighty in giving instruction on this subject, required as conditions of eligibility to office, that the persons filling them should be *able men*, i. e., men well acquainted with the duties of office; men that fear God and hate covetousness. When these qualifications are disregarded, we cannot expect any thing else than disorder, wrong, or mob law.

Individuals may commit such crimes as to forfeit life in consequence, such as murder, treason, oppression, &c. The moral law of God required that he who stole a man and sold him, or if he be found in his hand, shall surely be put to death. This law is reinforced in Deuteronomy, and recognized as binding by St. Paul, 1st Tim. 1: 9, 10, where man-stealers, or those who deal in buying, selling or holding men as slaves, are placed in the list of parricides, matricides, liars, perjured persons, manslayers, and such of like character. Now when a corporation or nation as a whole, becomes incurably wicked, that nation must be destroyed.

Individuals are punished in the future life, nations in this world, as the history of God's providence shows; as far as we can judge, the measure of our national iniquity is now full, and national disorder, anarchy and confusion prevail, and these are only the harbingers of the future disintegration, which must ensue.

We have four millions of innocent human beings in a state of religious, moral, intellectual and social degradation.

Every other nation, heathen or christian, allowed by law, that individuals, might at pleasure set their slaves at liberty. The Southern States form an exception to this; no emancipation is allowed; no intellectual education, as far as schools are concerned. The system breaks all the commands of the Decalogue, especially, the 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th.

We see now the advocates of this system, in order to support it, have waged war against the freedom of the country. They have already destroyed the constitutions of the Confederate States, as far as they could; and the United States Government alone can recover them to the States. They have formed themselves into a military despotism, and as far as this prevails, it will destroy civil and religious liberty.

The three great divisions of despotism are formed, viz: the Oligarchy, the Plebians and the Slaves, while the *people*, as such, are annihilated. So it was in Rome, when imperial despotism ascended the throne. There were then the three divisions of Patricians, Plebians and Slaves, as now in America.

As this great wrong is national, nothing less than national reformation will answer. The whole system of wrong must be done away before national peace will return. How this will be accomplished, we fear to predict. But we now see the Southern bondsmen brought into the field of contest, provoking the retribution of arming the colored legions of the North, and elsewhere, to come to the rescue. We pause here with horror; while we must acknowledge God to be good, and just, and holy, in bringing these judgments on us. But, to cut short these observations, we present the following resolutions for adoption:

Resolved, 1st. That the Confederate States had no just cause for their rebellion against the United States Government.

2d. That their Government, should it be established, as a fact, or even recognized, would be a military despotism, and more at variance with civil and religious liberty, than any Government that ever existed; and, in this age of the world, would be of short duration.

3d. That the present Government of the United States should be sustained by every citizen of the United States, at any expense of men or money, in prosecuting the war to a favorable issue.

4th. That it is the duty of all citizens of these United States, to confess, repent of, and forsake their national sins, and then look up to Almighty God alone, for a favorable termination of the present national difficulties.

5th. We, therefore, entreat the people of this Conference, to observe, religiously, the day appointed by the President, as a day of fasting, humiliation, and prayer, that God himself, would undertake our national cause, sustain the Government, and bring victory first, and then peace to the land.

V. ON THE CENTRAL CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE.

After a careful consideration of the condition of the *Central Christian Advocate*, we find that increased efforts are absolutely necessary to its maintenance.

With the strictest economy, the present circulation is scarcely sufficient to meet the expense of publication. The present crisis in the affairs of our country operates seriously against the interests of the paper, the loss in Missouri, being not less than one thousand subscribers.

The large increase of subscribers is encouraging, but we are

satisfied from the exhibit of our patronage, made by Dr. Elliott, that much more might have been done. It seems that a number of the members of this Conference, not only do nothing in the way of obtaining subscribers, but do not take the paper themselves. We think this ought not so to be. In view of these facts, we would offer the following resolutions for your adoption :

Resolved, 1st. That we most heartily endorse the course of the Editor of the *Central Christian Advocate*.

2d. That we deeply sympathize with those subscribers in Missouri, and elsewhere, who have been compelled to desist taking the paper.

3d. That in view of the falling off of subscribers in some localities, and the great importance of sustaining the *Central Christian Advocate*, we hereby pledge ourselves, as a Conference, to renewed efforts to increase the subscription list within our respective charges.

D. WORTHINGTON, Chairman.

A. S. PRATHER, Secretary.

VI. ON EDUCATION.

From the Reports of the Corporators, Visitors, and Agent of the Iowa Wesleyan University, we are pleased to learn that it is about to provide for its indebtedness—in fact may say that it is provided for. This fact of itself, must give us much strength in our efforts, not only to maintain the position we have already attained, but to assume still more advantageous ground in the cause of sanctified learning. We ask for the cordial co-operation of every friend of the Institution in securing students, and patrons for the University as we feel that the present year, owing to the disturbed State of the Country, and other causes, will be the most trying year the Institution has ever seen. We would, therefore, reiterate the resolution of last year :

Resolved, 1st. That we, as members of the Iowa Conference, will most earnestly recommend to our people the importance of patronizing the I. W. University, by sending their sons and daughters as students, thus giving it a strong hold upon their affections.

2d. That W. Dennet, T. Audas, S. Hestwood, W. J. Spaulding, A. W. Stryker, E. H. Waring, A. C. Williams, E. W. Twining and J. Darrah, be appointed Visitors of the University.

3d. That the Bishop be requested to continue A. J. Kirkpatrick, Agent of the University.

P. P. INGALLS, Chairman.

VII. FINANCIAL PLAN.

1st. There shall be a Financial Meeting of the Stewards and Leaders of each Circuit and Station, on the third Saturday after

the close of each Annual Conference, the place of holding which shall be fixed by the last Quarterly Conference for the previous year, and the Preacher-in-charge, shall be Chairman.

2d. The Estimating Committee shall report to the Financial Meeting (which report shall be subject to the action of the Quarterly Conference,) the amount estimated by them as the allowance of the Preacher or Preachers, to which shall be added the house rent, if any, and — dollars as the Elder's claim, and the financial meeting shall distribute the whole amount among the several classes on the Circuit or Station, according to their number, ability, and privileges, keeping carefully separated the allowance and house rent.

3d. The financial meeting shall collect, and pay over the preacher's moving and traveling expenses according to the provisions of the Discipline.

4th. The financial meeting shall district the Circuit or Station among the Stewards, giving each a proportion of classes to which he shall attend during the year.

5th. It shall be the duty of each Steward, as soon as the distribution is made, to report to each class in his district, the amount apportioned to it, and see that the amount be guaranteed, either by subscription, or by the appointment of a Committee of members of the class to assess the amount upon each member, that he should pay during the year, separating the allowance and house rent, as provided for above; and the whole shall be paid in quarterly instalments.

6th. Each Steward shall see that each Leader, in his district, make individual application to each of his class quarterly, for his or her contribution to the support of the Gospel, distinguishing between the allowance and house rent, and the leader shall pay the whole amount received to the steward, and each leader shall report to his class once a quarter, the amount each has paid, first, of allowance, and, secondly, of house rent, as credited in the class book.

7th. The following shall be part of the regular business of the Quarterly Conference: 1. The Presiding Elder shall call upon each Steward to report the condition of the finances of each class in his district in the following order—first, the amount apportioned to it; secondly, the amount received from it, and thirdly, the deficiency, if any; and if there be a deficiency, he shall enquire of the Steward, if he and the Leaders of his district have co-operated faithfully to carry this plan fully into effect in each class, and urge upon the Steward and Leader the immediate removal of the arrearage. 2. He shall inquire if there are any who refuse to contribute towards the support of the Gospel among them, and the reason for such refusal.

8th. Each Steward shall make the same report to each class in his district, immediately after each quarterly meeting, that he made

of it to the Quarterly Conference, and if there be an arrearage, the most efficient means shall be used to raise the amount at once.

9th. The Preachers of the Circuits and Stations are requested to co-operate with the Stewards in carrying this plan fully into operation in all the classes in their respective charges, and their neglecting to do so shall subject them to the censure of the Annual Conference.

VIII. ON THE BIBLE CAUSE.

The Am. Bible Society printed, during the past year, 829,000; volumes; issued 721,878 volumes; donated in books \$41,967 91, and in money \$22,283 90. This was for the purpose of publishing and distributing the Scriptures abroad. The sum of \$753 87 was donated to the Missionary Society of the M. E. Church for the publication of the Scriptures in Bulgaria. The demand for the army has reached over 300,000 volumes. The Society has sent, during the year to Iowa, 17,491 volumes, and has received from Iowa, \$3,510 63. The Committee offer the following resolutions:

Resolved, 1st. That we have full confidence in the operations of the American Bible Society, and will cheerfully co-operate with its Agents when they visit our fields of labor.

2d. That we are fully satisfied with the labors of the present Agents within the bounds of our Conference and recommend their continuance.

3d. That we recommend the continuance of Rev. S. Reynolds in his present field of labor.

IX. ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

We acknowledge, with gratitude, the bequest of fifty dollars to the S. S. Union of the M. E. Church, by the late Samuel Daves, of Mahaska county. We offer the following resolutions:

Resolved, 1st. That increased efforts be made, both by Preachers and people, for the establishment and support of S. Schools.

2d. We recommend the Teacher's Journal and S. S. Advocate to our people.

3d. That collections be taken up in all the charges for the purpose of getting our Conference out of debt to the S. S. Union.

4th. That in the judgment of the Conference, what is known as the Union system, is not the best to promote the interests of Sunday Schools.

5th. That all our Preachers organize S. Schools according to the provisions of the Discipline.

6th. That we provide our own books for our Schools.

W. DENNET, Secretary.

G. W. FRIEND, Chairman.

X. ON MISSIONARY MEETINGS.

Resolved, 1st. That there be a Missionary Meeting held in each charge in the bounds of the Conference, composed of one or more delegates from each Society in the charge, and that each circuit or station missionary meeting appoint one delegate to attend a district missionary meeting.

2d. That there be one or more district missionary meetings held in each district in this Conference, composed of delegates from each charge in the district.

3d. That the P. E. fix the time and place of holding the first district meeting, and that the Preachers fix the time and place of holding the first meeting in the several charges, in time to appoint delegates to the district meeting, afterward the meetings shall designate the time and place of holding their own meetings.

4th. That the Preachers in the district, as far as possible, attend the district missionary meetings, and that the exercises of those meetings consist of sermons, speeches, conversations, prayer, and all such measures as may promote the interests of the great missionary enterprise.

XI. ON PERIODICALS.

It affords us much pleasure to acknowledge, the literary ability, and pure morality of our Periodicals. God's providence has superintended the growth and development of our Evangelizing system. The Committee recommend to our people the M. E. Quarterly Review, the Ladies' Repository, and the several Weekly papers of the Church. They submit the following:

Resolved, That the members of this Conference make increased efforts to circulate the various periodicals of the Church.

XII. ON MINUTES OF 1860.

<i>Expenditures</i> :		Printing, binding, etc.,.....	\$123 38
		Expressage and postage,.....	3 93
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			\$127 31
<i>Receipts</i> :		Keokuk District,.....	\$ 15 20
		Burlington " 	18 50
		Muscatine " 	17 70
		Mt. Pleasant " 	25 00
		Albia " 	18 00
		Oskaloosa " 	14 00
		Conference Missionary Society,.....	10 00
			<hr/>
			\$118 40
		Due the Committee,.....	8 91
Which was paid at Conference.		E. H. Waring.	

XIII. OF MISSIONARY SECRETARY.

The anniversary of the Iowa Conference Missionary Society, for 1861, was held in Ebenezer M. E. Church, Burlington, Iowa, Aug. 24th, at 8, P. M., Rev. J. B. Hardy, President, in the Chair. The meeting was opened with prayer by Dr. J. H. Power.

The following brethren were elected officers of the Society for the ensuing year:

President,.....Rev. J. H. Power, D. D.

Vice President,.....“ O. C. Shelton.

Secretary,.....“ W. J. Spaulding.

Treasurer,.....“ John Darrah.

Managers—Revs. I. I. Stewart, J. Q. Hammond, J. Gassner, D. Murphy, J. Burgess.

The following persons were constituted, during the year, life members of the Parent Society, by the payment of \$20, at one time to the funds of the Society: Miss Susan Bumgardner, Rev. F. M. Slusser.

The following were constituted members of the Conference Missionary Society, by paying \$5.00 at one time, to its funds: Kate Bamford, C. Spangler, Hannah Moss, Sarah Ann Taylor, Mildred Holland, Sarah Kilburn, Nancy Roberts, Sarah Garlinghouse, Anne B. Bradrick, Mary H. Bradrick, Maria Vernon, Martha E. Bright, Sarah J. Mount, Sarah Young, Mary Shamp, Sarah Mendenhall, Mrs. Stryker, Mrs. C. M. Jocelyn, Rev. Joseph Hezelette, Rev. Bishop Scott, Rev. Dr. Elliott, William B. Allender, Mr. Findley, Charles H. Bradrick, Beverly Waugh Carrier, Lloyd Moss, Philip Myers, Centreville M. E. Sunday School, Ebenezer S. School, Mt. Pleasant Circuit, Dodgeville M. E. S. School, Ballard's S. School, Burlington Zouaves, Mt. Pleasant Guards.

The collection at the anniversary amounted to \$51,79.

The meeting was dismissed with the Benediction by Dr. Harris.
G. N. POWER, Secretary.

XIV. OF TREASURER OF CONFERENCE MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Dr. To amount received from Circuits and Stations,...	\$1225 11
“ “ I. P. Teter's Note,.....	5 00
“ “ Public collection at Conference Anniversary,..	21 79
“ “ Am'ts on Life Membership of Conference M. S.	35 00
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	\$1286 90
Cr. By Am't paid to Wm. M. Doughty,...	\$1201 64
“ “ Am't Rev. H. Runyon's subscription,	4 00
“ “ Am't forwarded to Treasurer,.....	62 00
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	\$1267 64
Amount yet on hand,.....	\$19 26

Received of E. H. Waring, a statement of a bequest of Samuel Daves, of Mahaska county, for one hundred dollars (\$100.00.)—Said amount has been forwarded to the Treasurer of the Missionary Society.

Twenty-five dollars of the above collections were contributed from Lexington Circuit expressly for Foreign Missions.

Two dollars of the amount from Wapello Circuit is to be applied to African Missions.

S. HESTWOOD,

Treas. of Iowa Con. Missionary Society.

For details of Missionary Collections, see Statistical Table.

XV. ON MEMOIRS.

MEMOIR OF REV. ISAAC McCLASKEY,

Who died February 27, 1860.

Isaac McClaskey, was born June 11, 1811, in Shanandoah county, Virginia. When he was about seven or eight years of age, his father removed to Selbyport, Allegheny county, Maryland, in the midst of the mountains. At about two years of age he fell into a mill dam, and when he was apparently dead was taken out by a dog. This interposition for the preservation of his life by the hand of God, made a lasting impression upon his after life, and had much to do with his call to preach the gospel of the Savior.

The primitive manners of the people of Western Virginia offered but meager opportunities for education, but of these Bro. McClaskey availed himself to the fullest extent of his ability. He continued to prosecute his studies during the remainder of his life. He was at the early age of four years met and admonished by the Spirit of God. His convictions were keen and pungent, and he told his mother that he was not prepared to die. His mother, with a Christian mother's faithfulness, taught him to pray several short prayers. He was convicted of sin the second time, and when about sixteen years of age, the third time. He sought religion at the altar of prayer, and, after many struggles, he was converted to God on the 12th day of October, 1830.

One of the principal means of his gracious conversion was taking up family prayer in the house of his father, where he made the second prayer ever offered up under the parental roof. On the morning that he was received into full connection, he was by his class recommended to receive license as an exhorter, and from that time forward entered into the active service of the church.

He was married on the 23d of June, 1833, to Miss Rosannah Hull. June 21, 1834, he was licensed to preach by the quarterly meeting of Kingwood, in Western Virginia. In 1837 he was received into the traveling connection by the Pittsburgh Annual Conference, and was appointed to Blairsville Circuit, embracing

parts of Indiana, Cambria and Somerset counties, in Pennsylvania. This year Simon Elliott was his colleague. God blessed them for their labor with an addition to the church of one hundred members. In 1838 he was appointed, with Jeremiah Phillips, to Legonier valley, Westmoreland county, Pa. In July, 1839, he was appointed, with Samuel Wakefield and Thomas Stinchcomb, to Bealsville circuit, Washington county, Pa.

In 1840 he was appointed, with Rev. Ebenezer Hays, to Claysville circuit, Pa. In 1841, he was returned, with Elisha Jacobs, to Claysville circuit. In 1842 and 1843, he was appointed to Richmond circuit, in Ohio. In 1844 he was appointed to Kingwood circuit, in Preston county, Va., from which place he was first sent out to preach the gospel. With great reluctance and many misgivings he returned to the people who first sent him out to preach the gospel. The people received him with open arms every where. In 1845 he was returned to Kingwood circuit. This year his success was far exceeding anything before this time. Many souls were converted. He improved greatly in his manner, matter, style, and force of public speaking.

In the year 1846 he was appointed to Morgantown circuit. In 1847 he was appointed to Mt. Morris, in Green county. Owing to a difficulty in the Morgantown station, Bro. McClaskey was sent to that appointment to settle it. Here he continued until the close of that year, where he enjoyed a very pleasant and profitable time. In 1848 he was appointed to Buckhannon circuit. On this circuit the hand of the Lord was laid heavily upon him. On Thursday, August, 3d, 1848, he buried his affectionate wife, who had been indeed a help meet for him. She was an extraordinary woman.—She was gifted in prayer, powerful in exhortation, and devoted to the cause of God. The cold grave had scarcely closed upon her mortal remains until her only daughter was borne in her father's arms and laid by the side of her mother. Little Rebecca died on the 3d of September, 1848.

In July, 1849, he was married to Miss Nancy Catherine Scott, of Randolph county, Va. In 1849 he was appointed to Harrisville circuit, with Jeremiah Hare. The Western Virginia Conference was stricken off from the Pittsburg and Ohio Conferences at the General Conference of 1848, which met at Pittsburgh, Pa. Both Buckhannon and Harrisville circuits were in the Western Virginia Conference, M. E. Church. In June, 1850, he was returned to Harrisville circuit. In 1851 he was appointed to the Parkersburg district. 1852 he was returned to the same field of labor. In 1853 he was transferred to the Iowa Annual Conference, and was stationed at Keokuk, Iowa. In 1854 he was appointed to Fort Madison. In 1855 he was appointed to Augusta circuit. This was a year of sad affliction to him. On the 10th of June, 1856, the calm spirit of Mrs. Nancy Catherine McClaskey passed triumphantly away, praising God, and bidding adieu to earth. Two little babes,

Virginia and Scott, the fruits of this marriage, both died. In 1856 Brother McClaskey was appointed to Dodgeville circuit, in Des Moines county. He was returned in 1857. During this year, on the 5th of March, he was united in marriage to Miss Maria Beattie, one of the teachers in the Iowa Wesleyan University. In 1858 he was sent to Wapello. In 1859 he was sent to West Point, where, surrounded by kind friends, in the midst of his labor, with tranquility and peace, his face radiant with a heavenly smile, with his whole heart praising God, in full view of an unfading crown of glory reserved for him, he died Feb. 27th, 1860, at 8½ o'clock, A. M., near Dover, Lee county, Iowa. He leaves a widow and two sons by his first marriage, Clark A. and Isaac A.

Bro. McClaskey had a good natural mind, well disciplined and well cultivated. Without imagination or great brilliancy, he was clear in his method and manner of thought, and direct in style of expression. He was a constant correspondent of the Christian press, and left several printed articles of very respectable merit.

As a speaker, Bro. McClaskey had a good, clear, and rather a clarion voice, of good metallic ring. He spoke slowly, correctly, affectionately, sometimes powerfully, often with great effect.

As a preacher, Bro. McClaskey, in many points of excellence was well worthy of imitation. He always analyzed his text, examined what was within the legitimate range of his subject, and discarded all superfluity of anecdote. He addressed the reason, never suggested a smile or a laugh in the congregation. He fearlessly exposed sin, and dared defend the precious character of the Son of God from aspersion, no difference who assailed his doctrines.

Bro. McClaskey was a revivalist. The spirit of God followed his labors, and blessed his work wherever he went. He was a useful man as a class leader, exhorter, local preacher, itinerant minister, and presiding elder.

He was a laborious, self-sacrificing minister of the New Testament. He was humble, unobtrusive; never sought office, place nor position in the church or elsewhere.

He was a faithful man—faithful to his family, faithful to the church; never took sides against a kinsman, never could be swerved from his devotion to Methodism. He passed through the radical controversy, was tried in the fires of the great church division, and found faithful. He died as he lived, a worshiper at the feet of Jesus, after the manner of the people called Methodists. Faithful to his country, no word ever escaped his lips to create dissension. He had faith in Christ, and for weeks, in deep affliction and languishing sickness, he broke into rapturous songs of praise, and gave up the ghost rejoicing in God. His body lies buried in Augusta, Iowa.

[The above Memoir is abridged from one that appeared in the Central Christian Advocate. It should have appeared in last year's Minutes, but it did not reach the Committee until after the close of Conference this year.—J.]

KEOKUK DISTRICT.

CLAIMS.							PAYMENTS.						
Charges.	Preachers.	Preach- ers allow- ance.	Traveling & movi'g Expens's	Rent.	Presid'g Elder's claims.	Total Claims.	Preach- ers allow- ance.	On Expens- es.	On Rent.	To Pre- siding Elder.	Total Pay- ments.	Defici- encies.	Collect'd for I. W. Univ'ty.
Keokuk, District,	L. T. Rowley,	\$675	.....	.....	.....	\$675	\$476	.....	.....	.....	\$476	\$198	.....
" Chatham Square,	P. P. Ingalls,	650	.....	.....	60	710	500	.....	.....	50	550	160	\$55 00
" Exchange St.,	M. Miller,	500	4	.....	40	544	242	.....	.....	33	276	267	.....
Sugar Creek,	T. D. Boyles,	400	.....	36	65	501	219	.....	36	27	282	218	.....
"	S. Roberts,	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Montrose,	O. G. Milnes,	300	.....	.....	25	325	180	.....	.....	18	198	126	.....
Farmington,	E. T. Coiner,	362	15	48	55	480	245	15	10	36	306	173	.....
Bentonsport,	S. S. Gruber,	332	17	36	47	432	225	17	36	30	308	124	.....
Winchester,	J. H. Hopkins,	199	5	20	40	264	120	5	.....	40	165	99	.....
Libertyville,	G. W. Friend,	515	15	Parsn'ge	44	575	392	.....	.....	34	427	147	.....
Birmingham,	J. Gassner,	500	10	do	70	580	350	10	.....	49	409	171	.....
"	L. M. Vernon,	175	.....	18	.....	193	122	.....	.....	.....	122	71	.....
Keosauqua,	J. Craig,	420	5	Parsn'ge	45	470	350	5	.....	36	391	78	.....
Troy,	M. See,	500	10	do	83	593	400	.....	.....	58	458	134	.....
Pittsburgh,	C. A. Hawn,	312	.....	35	50	398	259	.....	35	36	339	67	.....
Vernon,	F. H. Carey,	365	.....	.....	50	415	193	.....	.....	26	220	194	.....
		\$6,205	\$81	\$193	\$675	\$7,156	\$4,277	\$52	\$117	\$476	\$4,924	\$2,231	\$55 00

BURLINGTON DISTRICT.

Burlington District,	A. Robinson,	700	45	75	.....	820	434	40	75	.....	599	220	.....
" Old Zion,	G. B. Jocelyn,	800	.....	Pars'ge	72	872	500	.....	.....	72	872	.....	\$11 30
" Ebenezer,	A. W. Stryker,	553	36	100	40	726	437	36	100	33	606	119	50
Fort Madison,	J. G. Thompson,	323	12	66	45	451	217	12	66	39	335	115	.....
West Point & Denmark,	A. C. Williams,	437	.....	Parson-	78	515	304	.....	.....	52	356	158	7 60
"	M. B. Wayman,	237	.....	age	.....	237	152	.....	.....	.....	152	85	.....
Salem,	O. C. Shelton,	500	.....	.....	60	560	290	.....	.....	36	326	233	1 78
New London,	W. Simpson,	500	.....	Pars'ge	75	575	405	.....	.....	75	480	94	18 00
Augusta.	J. H. Power,	435	30	60	78	653	363	22	45	78	513	188	.....
"	D. Murphy,	200	.....	.....	.....	200	152	.....	.....	.....	152	48	8 50
Dodgeville,	G. N. Power,	400	5	36	50	491	376	5	5	50	436	54	55
Kossuth,	W. Dennet,	500	12	Parson-	65	577	500	12	.....	65	577	.....	7 00
"	B. F. Tallman (3 mo's)	50	.....	age	.....	50	50	.....	.....	.....	50	.....	.....
Wapello,	A. S. Prather,	345	5	50	53	453	315	5	50	50	420	33	22 00
Toolsborough,	B. F. Tallman (9 mo's)	100	.....	.....	23	123	45	.....	.....	8	54	69	.....
Grandview,	A. C. Barnhart,	450	26	53	55	584	336	26	53	40	455	128	2 00
Am' B. Soc. Agency,	S. Reynolds,	547	.....	.....	.....	547	547	.....	.....	.....	547	.....	.....
Shap Iowa Penitentiary	H. W. Thomas,	500	.....	.....	.....	500	500	.....	.....	.....	500	.....	.....
		\$7,629	\$171	\$440	\$694	\$8,935	\$6,282	\$159	\$395	\$599	\$7,436	\$1,494	\$79 23

STEWARDS' REPORT.—TABLE NO. 1.

EIGHTEENTH SESSION IOWA ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

MUSCATINE DISTRICT.

MUSCATINE DISTRICT.													
CLAIMS.						PAYMENTS.							
Charges.	Preachers.	Preach- ers allow- ance.	Travel'g & moving Expn's	Rent	Presid'g Elder's claims.	Total Claims.	Preach- ers allow- ance.	On Ex- penses.	On Rent.	To Pre- siding Elder.	Total Pay- ments.	Deficien- cies.	Collect'd for I. W. Univ'ty.
Muscatine District,	John Harris,	440	100	60	.....	600	880	80	60	.....	520	80	65
" Station,	F. W. Evans,	500	35	65	80	680	500	35	65	80	680	.....	1 10
" Circuit,	J. T. Simmons,	480	.....	70	80	630	480	.....	70	80	630	.....	2 10
" " "	J. B. Casebeer,	150	.....	.....	.....	150	150	.....	.....	.....	150	.....	.....
Washington,	J. H. Lucas,	276	.....	.....	50	326	261	.....	.....	47	309	17	1 35
Lexington,	J. H. McCutchen,	450	12	Parsn'ge	35	497	281	12	.....	21	315	181	.....
Bethel,	E. W. Twining,	400	.....	25	20	445	400	.....	25	20	445	.....	.....
Oakdale,	F. T. Daily, (Supply)	350	.....	.....	25	375	280	.....	.....	25	305	69	.....
Blue Grass,	J. Elrod,	475	15	Parsn'ge	55	545	340	.....	.....	44	384	161	.....
West Liberty,	C. S. Jennis,	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Crouseville,	W. Poston,	490	.....	24	25	449	231	.....	25	15	271	178	65
Richmond,	C. P. Reynolds,	450	4	46	50	550	315	4	46	15	405	145	.....
" " "	J. Coats,	150	.....	.....	.....	150	85	.....	.....	40	85	65	.....
North Liberty,	J. B. Hill,	420	.....	30	50	500	323	.....	30	40	393	106	.....
Ainsworth,	W. W. Orris,	150	.....	.....	20	170	119	.....	.....	15	135	35	.....
Talleyrand,	S. H. Thomas,	200	.....	.....	30	230	168	.....	.....	23	191	38	.....
Marengo,	J. B. Carey,	670	16	50	51	787	488	.....	50	38	571	215	.....
" " "	J. A. Wilson,	335	.....	Parsn'ge	.....	335	261	.....	.....	.....	261	74	.....
Millersburgh,	F. M. Slusser,	437	15	48	30	530	382	15	48	30	475	55	.....
		\$6,733	\$197	\$418	\$601	\$7,949	\$5,441	\$146	\$419	\$521	\$6,527	\$1,421	\$5 85

MOUNT PLEASANT DISTRICT.

Mt. Pleasant District,	T. E. Corkhill,	650	32	.....	.....	682	489	32	.....	.....	521	160	.....
" Asbury,	I. A. Bradrick,	625	20	Parsn'ge	50	725	625	20	.....	80	725	.....	55 00
" University,	T. Andas,	400	8	60	35	508	400	8	60	35	508	.....	16 00
" Circuit,	J. Q. Hammond,	425	.....	66	79	570	246	.....	66	59	371	198	1 00
" " "	J. Darrah,	428	.....	72	.....	500	367	.....	.....	.....	367	132	33 00
Martinsburgh,	H. Runyon,	425	.....	.....	43	468	317	.....	.....	30	347	121	.....
Glasgow,	E. L. Briggs,	500	8	Parsn'ge	63	571	319	5	.....	41	365	205	4 75
" " "	S. M. Vernon,	140	.....	.....	.....	140	89	.....	.....	.....	89	50	.....
Fairfield,	J. Burgess,	450	15	Parsn'ge	60	525	400	15	.....	52	467	58	2 00
Brookville,	J. Hayden,	565	.....	.....	50	555	304	.....	.....	26	330	224	.....
Brighton,	John Haynes,	400	.....	Parsn'ge	60	460	277	.....	.....	38	315	144	4 80
Marshall,	J. H. White,	500	4	Parsn'ge	50	554	279	4	.....	30	314	240	15 00
Crawfordsville,	P. F. Holtzinger,	425	19	75	65	584	328	19	75	46	468	115	7 00
" " "	J. Orr,	300	.....	.....	.....	300	231	.....	.....	.....	231	68	.....
Rome,	J. McDowell,	300	3	.....	15	318	128	.....	.....	15	143	174	1 00
Agency City,	J. B. Drayer,	460	12	Parsn'ge	67	339	460	12	.....	67	539	.....	7 15
		\$6,933	\$123	\$273	\$667	\$7,996	\$5,265	\$116	\$201	\$521	\$6,105	\$1,891	\$146 00

ALBIA DISTRICT.

CLAIMS.							PAYMENTS.						
Charges.	Preachers.	Preach- ers allow- ance.	Travell'g & movi'g Expen's.	Rent.	Presid'g Elder's Claim.	Total Claims.	Preach- ers allow- ance.	On Expen- ses.	On Rent.	To Pre- siding Elder.	Total Pay- ments.	Defi- ciencies.	Collect'd for I. W. Univ'ty.
Albia District,	M. H. Hare,	\$640	.....	\$60	.....	\$700	\$524	.....	60	.....	\$584	\$116	.....
Albia,	J. W. Latham,	425	.....	Parsn'ge	50	475	425	.....	.....	50	475	.....	\$ 50
Bell Air,	A. W. Johnson,	400	..... 10	40	50	500	335	.....	.....	41	427	.....	62
Centerville,	C. Morey,	600	.....	Parsn'ge	50	650	386	.....	40	35	422	.....	227
Unionville,	W. A. Byrkit,	140	.....	do	50	190	140	.....	.....	50	190	.....	2 00
Drakeville,	H. Crellin,	335	.....	do	50	385	234	.....	.....	35	269	.....	115
Bloomfield,	J. B. Hardy,	475	..... 15	60	45	595	420	..... 15	60	36	581	.....	64
" Circuit,	James Haynes	465	..... 9	60	56	590	245	..... 9	34	35	323	.....	1 30
Floris,	W. Mahon,	160	.....	Parsn'ge	40	200	91	.....	.....	31	122	.....	78
Ottumwa,	D. Worthington,	574	..... 45	129	45	595	197	..... 45	129	32	405	.....	189
Blakesburgh,	G. W. Byrkit,	850	..... 5	35	50	440	230	..... 5	20	35	290	.....	150
Chillicothe,	G. W. Bamford,	400	.....	40	45	485	320	.....	40	40	400	.....	85
Hamilton,	L. A. Smith,	450	..... 15	Parsn'ge	50	515	433	..... 5	.....	47	485	.....	30
Attica,	G. H. Clark,	440	.....	do	55	495	203	.....	.....	40	333	.....	161
Knoxville,	R. B. Allender,	500	..... 12	50	45	607	450	..... 12	50	45	557	.....	49
Melrose,	D. T. Sween,	400	.....	.....	30	430	281	.....	.....	30	311	.....	118
		\$6,554	\$112	\$474	\$711	\$7,552	\$5,008	\$102	\$433	\$583	\$6,128	\$1,714	\$18 50

OSKALOOSA DISTRICT.

Oskaloosa District,	W. F. Cowles,	600	100	100	.....	800	542	100	100	.....	742	57	.....
" Station,	E. H. Waring,	600	31	Parsn'ge	80	711	600	31	.....	80	711	.....	4 50
Pella,	I. I. Stewart,	600	.....	.....	45	645	250	.....	.....	20	270	.....	375
Monroe,	A. Laubach,	650	.....	Parsn'ge	63	715	650	.....	.....	65	715	.....	1 00
East Des Moines,	C. W. Shaw,	345	30	75	40	490	345	30	75	40	490	.....	.....
Rising Sun,	M. Carrier,	500	20	Parsn'ge	80	600	400	20	.....	70	490	.....	1 50
Green Castle,	S. F. C. Garrison,	400	.....	do	40	440	400	.....	.....	40	440	.....	.....
Newton,	A. H. Shaffer, (sup.)	500	.....	do	70	570	500	.....	.....	70	570	.....	5 77
Peoria,	J. Welch,	410	10	24	50	494	410	.....	24	50	484	.....	10
Grinnell,	P. F. Bresee,	365	.....	.....	45	410	315	.....	.....	40	355	.....	55
Montezuma,	B. Holland,	407	.....	42	50	499	330	.....	42	47	419	.....	79
Elgourney,	I. P. Peter,	500	24	56	50	630	500	24	56	50	630	.....	.....
Indianapolis,	G. Clammer,	335	4	36	50	425	335	4	36	50	425	.....	1 00
Fremont,	A. Orr,	350	7	30	40	427	250	7	28	30	315	.....	112
Eddyville,	S. Hestwood,	600	20	50	80	750	600	20	50	80	750	.....	5 00
Prairie City,	C. A. Whitler, (sup.)	200	.....	.....	10	210	200	.....	.....	10	210	.....	.....
		\$7,361	\$246	\$413	\$795	\$8,816	\$6,627	\$236	\$411	\$742	\$8,017	\$799	\$18 77

N. B.—In editing this report fractions of a dollar have been omitted, except in the "collections for the I. W. University."

AGGREGATE.

	Preacher's allowance.	Traveling and Moving Expenses.	Rent.	Presiding Elder's Claim.	Total Claims.
Total Claims,.....	\$41,418 12	\$931 97	\$2,212 80	\$4,143 78	\$48,706 67
Total Payments,.....	32,903 06	813 27	1,977 40	3,445 08	39,138 12
Total Deficiencies,.....	\$ 8,515 06	\$118 70	\$ 235 40	\$ 698 70	\$ 9,568 55

The claims of the P. E's. including traveling expenses and rents, averaged,	\$690 63
“ payments “ “ “ “ “ “ “	574 18
“ claims “ Preachers, “ “ “ “ “ “	479 17
“ payments “ “ “ “ “ “ “	383 79
“ claims of the P. E's. excluding “ “ “ “ “ “	617 50
“ payments “ “ “ “ “ “ “	482 80
“ claims of the Preachers, “ “ “ “ “ “	405 41
“ payments “ “ “ “ “ “ “	322 64
The average total receipts of P. E's. and Preachers on Oskaloosa District, was.....	(90.9 per cent.) \$501 07
The average total receipts of P. E's. and Preachers on Burlington District, was.....	(83.2 per cent.) 413 13
The average total receipts of P. E's. and Preachers on Muscatine District, was.....	(78.5 per cent.) 347 65
The average total receipts of P. E's. and Preachers on Albia District, was.....	(78.0 per cent.) 383 01
The average total receipts of P. E's. and Preachers on Mt. Pleasant District, was.....	(76.3 per cent.) 381 56
The average total receipts of P. E's. and Preachers on Keokuk District, was.....	(68.8 per cent.) 328 27
The average total receipts of P. E's. and Preachers throughout the Conference,.....	(80.5 per cent.) 395 33
Total amount collected for Iowa Wesleyan University,	324 05

STATISTICS FOR 1861. TABLE NO. II.

KEOKUK DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	NUMBERS.		BAPTISMS		CHURCH PROPERTY.		BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS.						SUNDAY SCHOOLS.												
	Members	Deaths	Probationers	Local Preachers	Adults	Children	Churches	Probable Value	Parsonages	Probable Value	For Con'fice Claimants	For Missionary Society	For Tract Society	For Bible Society	For S. S. Union	Schools	Officers and Teachers	Scholars	Volumes in Libraries	Bible Classes	Scholars in Inf'nt Classes	Expenses of the Schools this year	Raised for S. S. Schools	S. S. Advocates taken	Conversions
Keokuk, Ex. St.,	180	1	9	...	...	2	1	\$4,000	...	\$	...	...	...	...	...	1	25	187	611	2	20	12 70	...	40	...
" Chatham Sq.	150	...	6	...	...	...	1	12,000	...	...	...	19 50	...	...	...	1	20	200	900	3	40	5 50	...	75	...
Sugar Creek,	240	2	20	6	...	4	2	1,000	...	...	...	3 00	...	...	...	6	32	150	500	12	...	...	...	...	...
Montrose,	99	...	21	...	25	5	1	500	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	13	90	200	2	18	...	...	...	...
Farmington,	167	...	27	1	6	10	3	2,000	...	...	...	25 25	...	...	...	3	32	163	681	4	50	32 40	...	...	2
Bentonsport,	125	...	12	3	7	9	2	2,000	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	10	60	115	4	...	...	24	...	...
Winchester,	161	1	6	...	...	6	2	4,000	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	32	163	681	4	...	...	...	...	...
Birmingham,	388	3	60	2	5	5	3	2,000	1	300	2 03	42 10	...	10 00	...	6	39	277	850	6	...	...	...	...	6
Libertyville,	214	3	64	6	26	26	2	900	1	400	...	9 27	...	...	...	3	35	200	250	1	...	38 00	...	7	...
Keosauqua,	178	...	11	3	...	...	1	3,000	1	400	...	9 27	...	...	...	3	35	200	250	...	35	13 00	...	40	15
Troy,	240	2	35	3	10	6	1	500	1	200	...	17 35	...	15 00	...	2	26	125	550	5	40	6 25	...	36	20
Pittsburgh,	164	2	28	1	4	6	1	500	...	...	...	4 90	...	...	...	3	60	200	500	6	40	1 00	...	10	10
Vernon,	145	2	4	2	...	...	1	25	...	...	...	8 50	...	3 10	...	3	86	120	750	14	19	...	...	...	...
Total,	2351	19	323	29	85	79	21	32,425	4	1,360	2 03	134 67	...	28 10	...	37	354	1912	5945	59	270	108 85	...	240	59

BURLINGTON DISTRICT.

Burlington Old Zion,	144	2	8	...	1	1	1	\$6,000	1	1,200	4 86	43 50	8 55	30 00	4 40	1	20	150	550	2	30	35 00	4 40	51	1
" Ebenezer,	119	...	5	...	1	2	1	12,000	...	...	...	5 75	...	...	...	1	15	200	1200	1	40	20 00	...	10	...
Fort Madison,	88	1	17	...	9	1	1	2,000	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	16	85	650	1	10	40 00	...	...	...
West Point,	224	2	30	2	32	2	2	1,200	1	500	...	13 00	...	...	...	1	10	75	200	1	...	10 00	...	50	6
Salem,	258	5	68	10	4	...	2	1,100	...	...	...	8 83	...	...	...	2	22	80	300	...	...	22 00	...	40	15
New London,	274	...	26	6	8	9	2	2,000	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	43	215	707	30	6	17 85	...	...	8
Augusta,	403	1	...	1	3	...	3	3,000	...	...	...	85 15	...	...	...	3	30	384	1684	7	...	...	...	...	5
Dodgeville,	150	2	13	1	13	2	1	1,200	1	200	9 25	18 46	...	...	...	3	28	160	800	2	20	15 00	...	15	5
Kossuth,	240	...	21	...	29	13	1	2,000	1	500	...	53 60	...	...	...	4	40	200	1500	9	...	40 00	...	...	10
Wapello,	142	2	3	2	2	8	2	3,000	...	...	1 00	15 00	...	...	1 00	2	28	93	272	1	10	8 25	1 00	25	...
Toolshorough,	56	...	4	1	...	...	1	500	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	18	60	260	...	...	...	...	...	...
Grandview,	192	4	25	5	4	10	1	625	1	400	1 20	18 00	...	...	...	3	41	160	829	4	...	18 75	...	...	...
Total,	2290	19	220	23	106	48	18	34,725	6	3,200	16 31	263 29	3 55	30 00	5 40	30	306	1862	8452	58	116	226 85	5 40	191	45

MUSCATINE DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	NUMBERS.						BAPTISMS		CHURCH PROPERTY.		BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS					SUNDAY SCHOOLS.											
	Members	Deaths	Probationers	Local Preachers	Adults	Children	Churches	Probable Value	Parsonages	Probable Value	For Conf'nice Claimants	For Missionary Society	For Tract Society	For Bible Society	For S. S. Union	Schools	Officers and Teachers	Scholars	Volumes in Libraries	Bible Classes	Scholars in Infant Classes	Expenses of the Schools this year	Raised for S. Schools	S. S. Advo- cates taken	Conversions		
Muscatine Station, " Circuit,	250	1	50	4	10	15	1	\$5,000	..	\$	\$	\$15 00	\$	\$	\$	1	21	200	600	4	50	.....	.....	25	60
Oakdale, Blue Grass, West Liberty, Orouseville, Richmond, Washington, Lexington, Bethel, North Liberty, Ainsworth, Talleyrand, Marengo, Millersburgh,	310 239 147 100 79 259 121 115 125 117 79 101 282 187	3 2 1 2 2 ... 4 ...	41 2 5 9 11 5 9 11 11 6	6 2 1 ... 2 2 2 ... 2 1	23 ... 3 ... 4 ... 6 4 ... 8 3	21 3 20 ... 7 9 10 20 2 13 ... 23 12	2 ... 2 1 ... 2 1 ... 2 1 ... 2 1 ... 2 1 ... 1	3,500 ... 1,200 1,900 100 1,800 4,000 600 800 800 200 ... 2,500 200	..	\$	500 500 600 4 00 15 00 ... 3 25 36 45 5 50 25 80 3 00 24 40 2 50 7 60 19 06 1 00 1 00 3 40 ... 20 00 10 00 1 00	42 00 20 00 10 00 1 00 1 00	1 4 3 2 1 3 5 1 5 9 4 2 2 7 1	21 42 13 20 24 15 54 22 30 20 37 18 15 62 13	200 264 70 100 157 65 226 120 123 120 154 80 100 200 75	600 1000 30 500 500 295 379 600 275 200 500 75 170 230 80	4 8 3 1 3 8 5 6 6 7 ... 8 1	50 50 ... 20 25 20 20 19 6 18 58 ... 1 00 \$50 00 ... 20 00 ... 1 60 22 00 45 00 6 00 2 60 22 60 58 00 1 00	25 65 ... 16 ... 10 80 75 25 23 60 10 60 60 60 3	60 21 10 ... 75 ... 25 23 60 10 2 ... 60 3
Total,	2461	18	194	24	70	160	18	21,900	3	1,600	1 00	266 59	1 00	75 40	1 00	43	406	2074	5794	64	288	250 78	.....	464	83	

MOUNT PLEASANT DISTRICT.

Mt. Pleasant, Asbury,	370	4	8	5	1	6	1	14,000	1	1,000	3 00	\$53 50	3 00	\$31 05	11 25	1	30	275	800	6	70	200 00	11 25	225	10
" University,	195	...	4	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	5 60	13 00	...	...	...	1	20	55	215	3	...	9 00	...	25	...
" Circuit,	430	...	44	11	10	...	4	4,000	...	...	2 50	38 00	...	...	...	9	66	425	1070	15	90	14 14	...	25	6
Martinsburgh,	160	2	43	1	10	2	2	1,500	...	...	...	4 00	...	...	...	4	40	290	500	...	45	30 25	...	22	12
Glasgow,	374	8	45	5	11	5	4	3,000	1	355	4 25	4 25	1 75	...	1 75	4	58	240	665	9	83	36 47	1 75	32	15
Fairfield,	195	...	8	3	10	15	1	2,000	1	1,000	...	35 00	...	10 00	...	1	27	150	150	3	50	40 00	...	40	5
Brookville,	800	...	2	1	6	6	4	4,000	...	...	...	16 25	1 00	...	1 05	5	53	200	225	5	40	...	4 05	...	4
Brighton,	258	1	11	4	1	8	3	3,000	1	500	...	16 50	...	...	...	6	57	336	700	9	98	28 52	...	54	...
Marshall,	204	3	4	3	...	10	2	2,000	1	800	3 00	20 00	...	...	...	2	26	130	275	5	10	5 13	...	58	...
Crawfordsville,	400	5	81	5	28	34	3	3,000	...	...	...	22 00	...	...	...	8	78	416	1203	13	96	35 00	...	34	8
Rome,	150	...	8	2	6	9	...	...	...	...	...	5 00	...	...	...	3	15	225	300	...	30	...	...	40	...
Agency City,	874	4	95	4	6	12	8	2,500	1	700	4 40	15 00	2 20	4 40	2 20	5	59	400	990	4	...	56 75	2 20	20	...
Total,	3410	22	353	48	80	107	27	39,000	6	4,350	23 05	256 25	7 95	45 45	16 25	49	524	3142	7290	72	617	455 26	19 25	575	60

ALBIA DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	NUMBERS.		BAPTISMS		CHURCH PROPERTY.		BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS.						SUNDAY SCHOOLS.												
	Members	Deaths	Probationers	Local Preachers	Adults	Children	Churches	Probable Value	Parsonages	Probable Value	For Confinee Claimants	For Missionary Society	For Tract Society	For Bible Society	For S. S. Union	Schools	Officers and Teachers	Scholars	Volumes in Libraries	Bible Classes	Scholars in Infants Classes	Expenses of the schools this year	Raised for S. Schools	S. S. Advocates taken	Conversions
Albia,	118	2	7	2	4	1	1	\$ 800	1	\$800	\$	\$7 25	\$	\$5 00	\$	2	16	70	300	2	18	\$8 40	...	19	..
Centerville Circuit,	822	2	3	5	4	8	1	800	1	500	1 45	9 00	...	13 00	...	2	22	110	200	2	19	18 90	...	41	..
Bell Air,	229	3	74	6	5	4	...	...	...	...	...	1 50	...	2 00	...	3	...	28	250	...	...	...	...	1	..
Unionville,	21	1	44	3	...	2	2	2,000	1	700	2 10	10 65	...	...	4 00	2	25	113	416	...	...	...	...	...	..
Drakeville,	215	2	18	2	...	9	2	1,200	1	200	...	4 64	...	...	...	3	34	130	200	...	...	...	...	...	..
Bloomfield Station,	120	1	6	1	2	7	1	2,500	...	...	...	24 53	...	9 00	...	1	9	60	300	2	...	...	...	30	..
" Circuit,	874	3	29	2	10	14	3	1,500	...	...	...	12 23	...	...	...	3	29	150	240	3	20	8 00	...	33	10
Floris,	130	5	13	4	8	...	...	...	1	400	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..
Ottumwa,	95	...	15	1	1	2	1	6,000	...	...	2 54	21 80	...	21 00	...	1	20	75	600	...	10	26 75	...	26	..
Blakesburgh,	190	3	18	1	2	4	4	1,500	...	...	...	14 41	...	...	...	4	34	195	310	...	...	...	...	...	..
Chillicothe,	157	1	...	1	10	6	1	500	1	100	...	13 80	...	...	...	2	27	80	170	1	16	11 00	...	4	..
Hamilton,	271	3	44	3	12	4	2	1,500	1	200	...	4 45	...	...	...	5	...	125	300	1	12	...	...	...	..
Attica,	284	2	21	5	10	11	1	1,000	1	400	...	21 85	...	...	...	3	...	...	130	...	...	11 00	...	8	..
Knoxville,	176	2	5	3	5	7	1	6,005	...	...	1 85	12 65	...	...	...	1	36	168	300	6	22	39 00	...	30	5
Melrose,	261	...	26	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3 15	...	...	...	4	28	120	240	2	28	...	...	11	5
Total,	8153	30	823	44	79	79	20	25,300	8	3,300	7 94	161 03	...	50 40	4 00	36	280	1424	3956	19	145	119 50	...	215	20

OSKALOOSA DISTRICT.

Oskaloosa,	283	2	133	4	78	13	1	3,000	1	1,000	23 00	19 48	...	\$24 55	4 36	1	32	200	500	16	70	\$75 00	4 39	40	50
Pella,	161	...	10	3	...	5	1	1,000	...	...	9 60	6 05	...	...	...	2	12	65	100	2	...	15 00	...	16	...
Monroe,	307	2	34	4	23	10	2	2,000	...	...	20 00	3 00	...	...	...	5	44	370	600	12	60	46 00	...	50	...
East Des Moines,	104	1	12	1	11	...	1	700	...	...	...	2 00	...	...	...	1	20	106	150	2	30	23 00	...	54	4
Rising Sun,	300	2	77	8	13	14	3	2,000	1	...	7 50	14 75	...	...	...	5	33	155	250	2	35	...	...	7	..
Green Castle,	178	3	5	2	4	5	...	...	1	250	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..
Newton,	162	1	26	...	10	8	1	1,000	1	700	20 00	8 40	...	...	...	2	18	120	300	4	18	20 00	...	50	12
Peoria,	240	1	12	5	1	1	1	300	1	200	3 75	5 50	...	...	...	5	49	222	542	5	30	5 05	...	17	..
Grinnell,	167	2	10	4	6	4	...	...	...	...	7 65	11 66	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	..
Montezuma,	250	5	5	2	4	12	1	4,000	...	...	20 00	26 00	...	...	...	1	13	75	300	2	24	12 00	...	34	..
Sigourney,	250	1	10	2	10	4	2	1,500	2	500	...	2 00	...	...	...	4	36	300	75	4	20	...	...	...	..
Indianapolis,	241	...	17	4	10	2	...	...	...	...	5 00	2 00	...	...	...	3	25	125	350	13	35	...	...	...	..
remont,	225	1	18	2	5	...	2	5,000	...	...	25	10 00	...	...	...	2	25	400	115	...	...	10 00	...	17	..
Eddyville,	444	5	49	6	22	5	2	2,000	...	...	...	16 45	...	...	...	7	89	452	749	4	82	24 60	...	48	..
Prairie City,	54	...	8	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..
Total,	3866	26	436	48	202	83	17	22,500	7	2,650	121 15	119 54	...	24 55	4 36	38	396	3200	4031	69	404	230 60	4 36	333	66

AGGREGATE STATISTICS.

	NUMBERS.		BAPTISMS		CHURCH PROPERTY		BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS.						SUNDAY SCHOOLS.												
	Members	Deaths	Probationers	Local Preachers	Adults	Children	Churches	Probable Value	Parsonages	Probable Value	For Conference Claimants	For Missionary Society	For Tract Society	For Bible Society	For S. S. Union	Schools	Officers and Teachers	Scholars	Volumes in Libraries	Bible Classes	Scholars in Inf't Classes	Expenses of the schools this year	Raised for S. Schools	S. S. Advocates taken	Conversions
Total this yr.	17,036	184	1849	221	631	556	121½	175,850	34	16,400	171 48	1202 17	12 50	253 50	31 61	233	2266	13,614	35,338	341	1750	1391 84	29 01	2016	333
Total last yr.	16,371	173	2144	217	1066	505	120½	195,800	36	18,275	66 44	1480 18	4 10	275 40	9 60	230	2311	13,665	34,155	368	1875	1879 45	8 45	2292	517
Increase	665	...	...	4	...	...	1	...	...	...	105 04	...	8 40	...	21 41	3	...	...	1,183	...	...	20 56	...	...	...
Decrease	...	39	295	...	435	249	...	19,950	2	1,875	...	278 01	...	21 90	...	...	41	51	...	27	95	487 81	...	276	184

Whole No. of Members this year, 17,036; whole No. of Probationers this year, 1849; whole No. of Local Preachers this year, 221; Total, 19,106.
 Aggregate last year, 18,732. Aggregate Increase, 874.

Table of the Sessions and Statistics of Iowa Conference.

Year.	Time of Session.	Place.	Bishop.	Secretary	No. of Districts	No. of Charges	Effective Preachers	Non-Effective Preachers	Aggregate Membership	Missionary Collections	Conference Collections
1844	August 14-19.	Iowa City.	Morris.	H. W. Reed.	3	29	37	1	5,463	\$118 34	\$12 00
1845	September 3-8.	Burlington.	"	"	4	36	49	...	6,410	167 04	78 56
1846	September 2-7.	Muscataine.	Hamline.	"	4	33	58	...	7,812	120 00	87 53
1847	September 1-7.	Mount Pleasant.	Waugh.	"	4	40	54	...	8,537	172 98	55 83
1848	August 23-28.	Dubuque.	Morris.	Joseph Brooks.	4	44	56	1	9,392	263 82	29 82
1849	August 8-13.	Fort Madison.	Janes.	H. W. Reed.	4	49	57	1	9,938	507 75	12 82
1850	August 7-12.	Fairfield.	Hamline.	London Taylor.	5	59	61	1	11,229	...	4 15
1851	August 6-11.	Davenport.	Waugh.	J. G. Dimmit.	6	71	72	2	12,468	407 84	3 23
1852	Sept. 29-Oct. 4.	Burlington.	Ames.	M. H. Hare.	7	78	78	1	13,819	1,000 00	12 50
1853	Sept. 28-Oct. 4.	Oskaloosa.	Scott.	Joseph Brooks.	8	90	101	1	16,025	1,023 74	26 20
1854	Sept. 27-Oct. 4.	Dubuque.	Morris.	"	11	110	118	5	18,228	1,303 56	22 30
1855	Sept. 26-Oct. 3.	Keokuk.	Simpson.	H. W. Reed.	14	150	154	5	22,987	2,622 25	68 45
1856*	September 24-30.	Mount Pleasant.	Janes.	Joseph Brooks.	9	101	115	4	18,921	2,743 35	205 45
1857	September 23-26.	Des Moines.	Ames.	"	9	105	130	5	21,065	3,309 68	155 50
1858	September 8-14.	Fairfield.	Morris.	E. L. Briggs.	9	111	128	8	24,855	1,617 96	49 85
1859	September 7-12.	Muscataine.	Simpson.	E. H. Waring.	10	119	137	10	25,629	1,178 66	30 35
1860+	Aug. 26-Sept. 3.	Oskaloosa.	Janes.	"	6	81	102	7	18,732	1,338 93	66 44
1861	August 21-26.	Burlington.	Scott.	"	6	78	98	8	19,106	1,266 90	252 74

* This year the Districts constituting the Upper Iowa Conference, and the Nebraska Mission District were set off.

+ This year the Districts constituting the Western Iowa Conference were set off.

ROLL OF IOWA CONFERENCE FOR 1861-62.

Prepared in the order of admission, by graduation, transfer, or re-admission to the roll of members. Superannuates in *italics*.

NAMES.	Post Office Address.	Entered the Itinerancy.	Conference first joined.	Date of memb'rship in Iowa C.
Bishop, LEVI SCOTT.	Wilmington, Del.			
Isaac I. Stewart,*	Oskaloosa, Mahaska Co.	1836	Illinois.	1844
William Simpson,	Agency City, Wapello Co.	1837	do	do
David Worthington,	Mt. Pleasant, Henry Co.	1840	Rock Riv'r.	do
Joshua B. Hardy,	Keokuk, Lee Co.	1842	do	do
John Hayden,	Winchester, Van Buren Co.	1841	do	do
Joseph W. Mazon,	Mt. Pleasant, Henry Co.	1843	do	1845
Allen W. Johnson,	Farmington, Lee Co.	"	do	do
Hugh Gibson,	Mt. Pleasant, Henry Co.	1844	Iowa.	1846
Michael See,	Mt. Pleasant, Henry Co.	1845	do	1847
Michael H. Hare,	Albia, Monroe Co.	"	do	do
John Harris,	Summit P. O., Muscatine Co.	"	do	do
Edward W. Twining,	Washington, Washington Co.	1846	do	1848
Joseph M'Dowell,	Mt. Pleasant, Henry Co.	1833	Ohio.	1849
James Q. Hammond,	" " " "	1847	Iowa.	do
Lucas C. Woodford,	Richmond, Washington Co.	1848	do	1850
William F. Cowles,	Oskaloosa, Mahaska Co.	1843	Michigan.	1851
Francis H. Carvey,	Bloomfield, Davis Co.	1837	Indiana.	do
Loveland T. Rowley,	Keosauqua, Van Buren Co.	1850	Iowa.	1852
Orville C. Shelton,	Salem, Henry Co.	1836	Ohio.	do
James H. White,	Mt. Pleasant, Henry Co.	1837	Pittsburgh.	1853
Elias L. Briggs,	Fairfield, Jefferson Co.	1851	Iowa.	do
Thomas E. Corkhill,	Mt. Pleasant, Henry Co.	"	do	do
Francis W. Evans,	Muscatine, Muscatine Co.	"	do	do
George H. Clark,	Fremont, Mahaska Co.	"	do	do
Lawson A. Smith,	Hamilton, Marion Co.	"	West Va.	1854
John Darrah,	Mt. Pleasant, Henry Co.	1852	Iowa.	do
Peter F. Holtzinger,	Crawfordsville, Washington Co.	1843	Ohio.	do
Joseph Gassner,	Birmingham, Van Buren Co.	1836	do	do
Cyrus Morey,	Centreville, Appanoose Co.	1851	West Va.	1855
Jesse Craig,	West Liberty, Muscatine Co.	1845	Pittsburgh.	do
Pearl P. Ingalls,	Burlington, Des Moines, Co.	1843	Ohio.	do
Isaac P. Teter,	Sigourney, Keokuk Co.	1853	Iowa.	do
James G. Thompson,	West Point, Lee Co.	"	do	do
Samuel Hestwood,	Newton, Jasper Co.	"	do	do
Benjamin Holland,	Eddyville, Wapello Co.	"	do	do
Richard Mulholland,	(In California.)	"	do	do
William C. Shippen,	Drakesville, Davis Co.	1852	do	do
Wesley Dennet,	Kossuth, Des Moines Co.	1851	Ohio.	1856
Thomas Audas,	Bloomfield, Davis Co.	1852	Cincinnati.	do
Miltiades Miller,	Vernon, Lee Co.	1837	Indiana.	do
John H. Power,	Middletown, Des Moines Co.	1821	Kentucky.	do

*Since the session of Conference I. I. Stewart, has, owing to affliction, resigned the charge of Indianapolis Circuit, and A. H. Shaffer has been appointed in his place; Bro. Shaffer's P. O. address is Springfield, Keokuk Co.

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<i>Amos Bussey,</i>	Oskaloosa, Mahaska Co.	1837	Erie.	1856
Almond W. Stryker,	New London, Henry Co.	1850	Indiana.	do
<i>Nelson Wells,</i>	Kossuth, Des Moines Co.	1854	Iowa.	do
George W. Bamford,	Washington, Washington Co.	"	do	do
Richard B. Allender,	Knoxville, Marion Co.	"	do	do
Wesley J. Spaulding,	Ottumwa, Wapello Co.	"	do	do
Andrew J. Kirkpatrick,	Mt. Pleasant, Henry Co.	"	do	do
C. Perry Reynolds,	Muscatine, Muscatine Co.	1853	do	do
<i>Francis M. Sussner,</i>	Sigourney, Keokuk Co.	1851	Baltimore.	do
Isaiah A. Bradrick,	Mt. Pleasant, Henry Co.	"	Ohio.	do
Samuel Reynolds,	Burlington, Des Moines Co.	1849	Erie.	do
Charles Elliott,	78 Pine St., St. Louis, Mo.	1819	Ohio.	1857
Edmund H. Waring,	Oskaloosa, Mahaska Co.	1849	Baltimore.	do
James H. McCutchen,	West Liberty, Muscatine Co.	1839	Ohio.	do
John B. Hill,	Richmond, Washington Co.	1852	West Va.	do
Marcus Carrier,	Saylorville, Polk Co.	1851	Onedia.	do
John Elrod,	Millersburgh, Iowa Co.	1855	Iowa.	do
James Haynes,	Albia, Monroe Co.	"	do	do
George W. Friend.	Troy, Van Buren Co.	"	do	do
Samuel S. Gruber,	Bentonsport, " "	"	do	do
Anthony Robinson,	Mt. Pleasant, Henry Co.	1836	Indiana.	do
Abram C. Barnhart,	Pella, Marion Co.	1851	N. Indiana.	do
Adam Miller,	Springfield, Ill.	1831	Ohio.	1858
George N. Power,	Grandview, Louisa Co.	1856	Iowa.	do
Samuel F. C. Garrison,	Red Rock, Marion Co.	"	do	do
Henry Crellin,	Unionville, Appanoose Co.	"	do	do
John T. Simmons,	Marengo, Iowa Co.	"	do	do
William Poston,	Blue Grass, Scott Co.	"	do	do
Hiram W. Thomas,	Ft. Madison, Lee Co.	"	do	do
Abraham Laubach,	Montezuma, Poweshiek Co.	"	do	do
Thomas D. Boyles,	Numa P. O. Appanoose Co.	1855	do	do
John Burgess,	Brighton, Washington Co.	1843	N. Ohio.	do
James W. Latham,	[Chap. 1st Reg't Iowa Cavalry.]	1854	West Va.	do
George W. Byrkit,	Attica, Marion Co.	1857	Iowa.	1859
George Clammer,	Greencastle, Jasper Co.	"	do	do
Charles G. Milnes,	Keokuk, Lee Co.	"	do	do
Phineas F. Bresee,	Galesburg, Jasper Co.	"	do	do
Amos S. Prather,	Dodgeville, Des Moines Co.	"	do	do
Abner Orr,	Lagrange, Lucas Co.	"	do	do
Erasmus T. Coiner,	Talleyrand, Keokuk Co.	"	do	do
John R. Carey,	North Liberty, Johnson Co.	"	do	do
George B. Jocelyn,	Mt. Pleasant, Henry Co.	1843	Indiana.	do
Manasseh B. Wayman,	Bloomfield, Davis Co.	1858	Iowa.	1860
Dennis Murphy,	Wapello, Louisa Co.	"	do	do
Emory Miller,	Burlington, Des Moines Co.	"	do	do
James H. Lucas,	Des Moines, Polk Co.	1853	Illinois.	do
Banner Mark,	Washington, Washington Co.	1846	Ohio.	1861
Addison C. Williams,	Ft. Madison, Lee Co.	1859	Iowa.	do
William W. Orris,	Blue Grass, Scott Co.	"	do	do
John Haynes,	Lebanon, Van Buren Co.	"	do	do
Jacob B. Casebeer,	Richmond, Washington Co.	"	do	do
Benjamin F. Tallman,	Burlington, Des Moines Co.	"	do	do

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John Orr,	Crawfordsville, Washington Co.	1859	Iowa.	1861
John Welch,	Peoria, Mahaska Co.	"	do	do
Charles A. Hawn,	Libertyville, Jefferson Co.	"	do	do
James A. Wilson,	Bear Creek, Powesheik Co.	"	do	do
William Mahon,	Blakesburg, Wapello Co.	"	do	do
Chesley S. Jennis,	Grinnell, Powesheik Co.	"	do	do
Probationers.				
James Coats,	Millersburg, Iowa Co.	1860	do	
John B. Drayer,	Brookville, Jefferson Co.	"	do	
Charles W. Shaw,	Monroe, Jasper Co.	"	do	
Samuel H. Thomas,	Pottsville, Washington Co.	"	do	
Henry Runyon,	Martinsburgh, Keokuk Co.	"	do	
Leroy M. Vernon,	Keosauqua, Van Buren Co.	"	do	
Samuel M. Vernon,	Rome, Henry Co.	"	do	
William A. Byrkit.	Chillicothe, Wapello Co	"	do	

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